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Clinton greeted by Russian stalemate

Civil strife Warning after veto by Duma

RUSSIA plunged deeper into crisis yesterday when its parliament overwhelmingly rejected President Yeltsin's nomination of Viktor Chernomyrdin as Prime Minister and set the stage for a long and bruising power struggle.

After a heated debate during which speakers from across the political spectrum attacked Mr Chernomyrdin's record in Government, the Dunia - the lower house voted 251-94 against nominating him to head a new Government.

The angry exchanges and calls for Mr Yeltsin's resignation will be an embarrassment for the Kremlin as it welcomes President Clinton for a threeday visit this morning. But more importantly, it could herald a fortnight of political stalemate, leaving the country rudderless at time when crucial decisions need to be taken

Aleksandr Kotenkov, Mr. reitsin's representative in parliament, gave a warning that if the politicians could not put their differences aside quickly, Rassia could lurch into even greater economic chaos and trigger civil strife. If this chaus lasts for several more weeks, it may happen that there will be neither Communists nor us." he said. "I mean a popular uprising, merciless and senseless.

Emerging from the debating chamber looking impussive in spite of the crincism he had just endured, Mr Chemomyrdin made clear that he had no intention of



Chernomyrdin: rejected by 251 votes to 94

backing down and would seek confirmation again next week. Indeed, within hours of the vote, Mr Yeltsin had resubmit-Mr Chernomyrdin's name. This country cannot continue without a Government," the acting Prime Minister said_"No_matter what, I must make decisions because life goes on. Steps must be taken to pay arrears to the military, students and coal

miners. I will deal with this." Under Russia's constitution a candidate for Prime Minister can go before the Duma three times to seek confirmation. If he is rejected on the final vote, parliament is dis-solved and fresh elections held. To succeed, a candidate requires a simple majority of 226 votes.

The country endured a similar spectacle five months ago when Sergei Kiriyenko won confirmation on the last vote mainly because deputies wanted to avoid elections. The same reasoning may apply

again this time, except that Russia can ill afford to be without an effective Government while its economy falls

In particular, Russia desperalely needs the next tranche of IMF loans worth \$4.3 billion due to paid in mid-September. But no money will be forthcoming until a functioning Government with a clear financial policy is in place, and as soon as word of the latest political stalemate filtered out, the rouble began to slide again.

Although there are behindthe-scenes contacts to revive a power-sharing compromise worked out at the weekend. Duma deputies showed no signs of conciliation during their speeches. Gennadi Zyuganov, whose Communist Party is the largest faction in parliament, said: "What has been going on in the country for seven years under the guise of economic reforms is new hing in ruin. The mair cause is the policy, the absence of basic governance and a total lack of responsibility among the country's rulers.

Others speakers followed in a similar vein including Viadimir Zhirinovsky, the ultranationalist head of the Liberal Democratic Party, and even Grigori Yavlinsky, the leader of the liberal Yabloko bloc, who accused Yeltsin administration of creating a "semicriminal" economic system.

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A POISED Louise Woodward swept into Edinburgh with her American lawyer Barry Scheck yesterday to issue a warning of the perils of television turning court cases into soap operas.

The plump, lank-haired teenager who had sobbed uncontrollably in from of millions of television viewers when she was convicted of Law, page 35 murdering baby Matthew Wall St slump, page 44 Eappen had been trans-

Woodward warning on soap opera justice

groomed, articulate and serious-minded young woman confronted 900 programme makers at the Edinburgh Television Festival, not to protest her innocence, but to discuss the ethics of media court

[whose Channel 4 documenta-

ry Diana, The Mourning

throughout the land who were

appalled by the hysterial had come. He would be forn apart

Word quickly crossed the park to the NBC people, who

were expecting Hitchens later:

they promptly decided to keep him in a studio instead.

had been an orderly, slimmed

down version of last year's scene in the Mall: flowers,

mawkish verses, poems and

songs (Diana, the eternal

flame. / A light in the dark. / A symbol of love. / A

flower in the park") teddies, collages, candles and even

Until that moment, the day

After, showed

by wild horses."

ly as she admined: "I am not famous for anything good." Miss Woodward and Mr Scheck had imposed strict conditions on her appearance. No television cameras were

allowed into the debate and

reporters were obliged to produce letters of accreditation. Miss Woodward also attended a number of media parties, arriving at one clutching the hand of Mr Scheck's young daughter. It is understood that she was not paid for her appearance. "Barry and I agreed to come and talk about this issue because we think it is important," she said.

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Channel islet seized by king of Patagonia

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

A TINY British-owned island in the English Channel has been "invaded" by an eccentric French novelist in the name of King Orélie-Antoine t, the selfproclaimed monarch of Patagonia who died more than a

century ago.
Jean Raspail, a writer who styles himself consul-general of the non-existent Argentine kingdom, said a unit of "Patagonian marines" under a retired English rear-admiral had claimed sovereignty over the deserted Minquiers archipelago south of Jersey in retaliation for Britain's "Gecu-pation" of the Falklands.

"A light naval unit of the Patagonian fleet landed ... and hoisted the royal blue. white and green flag in place of the British flag, which can be honourably returned to Her British Majesty's Embassy in Paris," the statement declared. declared.

The only building on the largest island in the archipelago is a wooden shack containing a lavatory. Nailed to it was a plaque declaring the island to be the southernmost part of the British Isles. This has now been replaced by one describing it as a new royal Patagonian "colony" and the northernmost region of Pata

The amphibious landing was carried out at dawn on Sunday and met no resistance since the only inhabitants at the time were a handful of surprised seagulls. In fact, the invasion passed unnonced until the declaration of sovereignty was issued in the name

of Orelie-Antoine yesterday.
The British Embassy in Paris was unable to comment on the invasion. Indeed, the bank holiday switchboard operator was rendered speech less by the news.

M Raspail said the fictional Continued on page 2, co! 5

9-wicket star of the Oval

England's cricketers were overwhelmed by Muttiah Muralitharan, who completed match figures of 16 for 220, the fifth best in Test cricket, as the home side's resistance was ended with half-an-hour in hand at the Oval. The offspinner took nine for 65 in the second innings, and only a run-out deprived nim of the chance to join Jim Laker as the one man with all ten.....Pages 23, 29

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Diana 'true believers' make heretic head for sanctuary that was the reaction. Imagine if Christopher Hitchens

EXACTLY 365 days had passed since they heard the Valerie Grove sees historian risk news, but the worshippers had lynch law from devoted crowd who not weakened one lota in their

regard him as enemy at the gates

hard core of aggressively pro-Diana acolytes ready to pounce on any dissenting An ugly scene threatened to erupt and shatter the sunny, peaceful scene when the crowd overheard the reckless LSE historian Dr David Starkey voicing his notorious anti-Diana opinions for the CBS TV news cameras. Across Kensington Gardens came the

passion for their idol. Among

the gentle, seemly crowds, strollers placing their flowers

and eating their lunchtime

picnics outside Kensington

Palace yesterday, there was a

incipient lynch mob. "Out, out, out" they chanted, giving the dapper Starkey a slow handclap. His voice was

unmistakable sounds of an

quickly drowned out by their yelling. "You patheoc prai!" they bawled. "You've picked the wrong day, mate." "How would you like it if you'd died and someone said those things about you?"

As the noise grew, the park police stepped in. "Calm down, let's have a bit of dignity please." Dr Starkey was then marched with police escort towards the sanctuary of the Royal Garden Hotel. "It was obviously a troupe of Diana True Believers, said Dr Starkey. "I said deeply shocking things," he ex-plained, all sarcasm. "I said

David Starkey receives a police escort away from Kensington Palace

that in the last 12 months, Charles had shown himself to be a very good father. And I cited the photograph in The Sun which showed Harry reaching up to Charles — and that's when the booing started.

"Because these are people who believe passionately in Diana the Unique, Diana the Holy. These people hate the Monarchy. They saw Diana correctly as the Republicans' secret weapon, a woman who would do anything to destroy the House of Windsor. I said Diana had had a series of affairs, which is true. I said the mildest gentlest things and

And just as last year's crowds were swelled by media coverage - people came because they had seen on television that others were coming, they were making a collective, imitative response - this year's crowds were inspired by reading in the media that last year was just a one-off, that there was "Dianafatigue". The assumption insulted their loyalty; and so they came in sheer defiance. Angelica Brozler, a former investment banker, came with a single rose: "I came because I was slightly furious with the media for saying people didn't care much any more. What happened last year was a true expression of what people felt. It was not hyped up. Commen-

garden gnomes.

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tators keep discrediting



"I've won the lottery - bring in the petty cash box"

Lawyers head for a million

Lawyers with top commercial law firms enjoyed a recordbreaking year with the highest paid partners earning nearly £900,000. The figures are in stark contrast to the earnings of most solicitors who work in small firms and are lucky to earn £60,000 a

Music teacher on rape charge

A public school music teacher appeared in court in Taunton charged with raping a girl aged 15. David Fitzgerald, 26. an Australian teaching in England, is alleged to have raped the girl at his Somerset home in the early hours of Saturday. He was remanded in custody until Thursday.

Shell merger

Shell is close to agreeing a merger of its European refining and marketing operations with Texaco after a dramatic fall in refinery-profits across the Continent. Both companies have been hit by a glut of gasoline and heating oil in

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Think tank to put case for shake-up of taxation system Fabian Society commission of inquiry will try to force hand of Blair and Brown on 'taboo' subject, writes Philip Webster

A THINK tank linked to Labour is to mount a full-scale investigation into all aspects of taxation and

government policy towards it. The commission of inquiry, announced today by the Fabian Society, which is affiliated to the Labour Party but independent of it, will be a direct challenge to the reluctance of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown to talk about laxation and justify increasing it.

Its report is timed to emerge at the end of next year with the aim of influencing Labour's next general election manifesto. It seems certain to criticise Labour's defensiveness over taxation. The Fabian Society says that taxation has become the

"taboo" subject of British politics because of Labour's belief that its tax-and-spend image lost it the 1992 election, and that its promise not to

increase income tax helped it to win

The Labour Left will welcome the opportunity provided by the inquiry to reopen the debate about tax levels, particularly on the wealthy. One senior teftwinger said yesterday: "If the commission concludes that a properly progressive system is the way forward it will be a valuable pointer to the Govern-

relationship between the individual and the state. The society says that the present tax structure is "essentially unsustainable" and promises

The commission will examine all

radical proposals to rectify it.

overall aim will be to redefine the

case for taxation in terms of the

taxes from the rich is now unan-

swerable." Labour has promised

aspects of taxation policy. These include the "hypothecation" or earmarking of taxes for specific not to raise the top rate of tax during this Parliament. Lord Plant of Highfield, a leadpurposes; the role of taxation in the redistribution of wealth and ining political philosopher, is to chair the 15-member Commission on Taxation and Citizenship, whose come: the future of the national insurance system and welfare funding; the extension of local taxation beyond the Scottish parliament to Wales, Northern Ireland

> currency on tax policy. Its most sensitive discussions will centre on reform of the taxation system, including scrutiny of the

and the English regions; and the

impact of the European single

tax base, the use of tax reliefs, the balance between individual and corporate taxation, the political process by which taxes are set, and the mechanisms for tax collection.

The society proposes a substantial overhaul of the system itself. The present one has grown up through a series of incremental changes implemented for different reasons over a long time with many anomalies. It points to a fundamental weakness in the system, that spending commitments have only been met over the last 20 years by occasional one-off injections of

funds, such as North Sea oil reveriue, privatisation receipts and the windfall tax on the privatised

Michael Jacobs, general secretary of the Fabians, said yesterday:
"The legacy of the Thatcher years has made taxation almost a taboo subject in British politics. It is time for a new debate about the purpose of taxation and its central role in funding public services."

Labour's commission on electoral systems while in Opposition, is Master of St Catherine's College.

Oxford. Other members include Jonathan Charkham, a former adviser to the Bank of England Governor, Fran Bennett, former director of the Child Poverty Action Group, Ruth Evans, director of the National Consumer Council, Paul Johnson, deputy director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, Sir Nicholas Monck, former permanent secretary at the Department of Employment, Brian Pomeroy, senior partner of Deloitte and Touche consulting group, and Wendy Thomson, chief executive of the London borough of Newham.

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Prisons attack inspector's claim on drug barons

Inspector of Prisons erupted into the open last night when it dismissed his claim that drug barons operated in big

prisons as "empty words".
Sir David Ramsbotham was told to "put up or shut up" and challenged to produce evidence to support his allegation that some of the big jails in England and Wales harboured at least twenty

tn a brief statement indicating that the service had finally lost patience with the chief inspector, it said he had been unable to produce evidence to support his previous alleganons about the extent of drug dealing and expected none from him on this occasion.

of this kind, they are just empty words. We take prompt action against prisoners using drugs when we have the evidence. Nothing was provided last time and we are not anticipating any this time."
But last night the 27,000-

strong Prison Officers Association rallied to support Sir David's claim. Mark Freeman of the association said that in jails such as Leeds or Liverpool, with up to 1,100 inmates, it was quite possible for that number of people to be dealing in drugs: They will be taking the stuff, they will be dealing in it. Some purely for profit and some bartering for other goods," he said.

The chief inspector is increasingly frustrated at funding cuts that have hit education and training pro-grammes and believes the

Attacked inmate wins right to sue

By Frances GIBB

A PRISONER whose face was badly scarred after a razor attack by inmates has won a compensation on the ground that the Home Office failed to ensure the prison was run

Robert Hartshorn, a convicted murderer, goes to court today to have his damages assessed after a winning his personal injuries claim in July. He is seeking 120,000. The Home Office has lodged an appeal against the ruling.

At present, only prisoners who are known by the authoriries to be at risk of attack, such as child abusers, can seek to mount a claim. The ruling in this case, however, opens up the possibility of a claim by any prisoner who is attacked if he can show that the authorities were negligent in ensuring

prisoners' safety. Hartshorn, 34, of Merthyr Tydfil, who was jailed in 1986. was attacked by two men in



Hartshorn: seeking £20.000 in damages

Gartree Prison, Leicestershire September 1995. He brought a claim in Torquay County Court which ruled that the Home Office had been negligent in failing to ensure the prison was operated in a safe and secure manner.

His solicitor, Kerry Austin of Woollcombe Beer Watts. said that the ruting had changed the law and made it easier for prisoners who are anacked to bring a claim.

service should be overhauled rection. He also believes the prison service should take a much tougher approach towards stopping drugs getting into jails and "isolating" drug barons from other prisoners.

Sir David's latest claim infuriated officials, who have dismissed him as a "loose cannon" intent on extending the remit of his role from being inspector of prisons to inspector of the prison service.

The chief inspector's claim that at least 20 drug barons operated in each of the biggest jails was made to MPs investigating prison issues and what alternative punishments could replace prison sentences.

It was included in a letter sent to the Commons Home Affairs select committee after he told them in March that there were ten drug barons in each of the 135 jails in the country. Sir David told both Jack Straw, the Home Secreary, and Richard Tilt, the Director General of the Prison Service, that he was mistaken and that the true number of drug barons is much higher than his original "top uf the head" estimate.

He writes in his letter: "I also explained to the Home Secretary and to the Director General that my own inspecin that there were at least twenty in some of the bigger prisons. Sir David says that in

highlighting the number of remand or convicted criminals operating as dealers, he was attempting to show how much misery they caused among other inmates.

In the letter sent in May, Sir David admits that he cannot possibly evaluate exactly how many drug dealers there are and that it is "invidious to quibble over whether ten is or is not the correct assessment" Sir David's lener, which has

been seen by The Times, does not reveal which of the bigger prisons has at least twenty criminals dealing in drugs. The letter was in reply to a note from Mr Tilt, answering a number of the assertions made by Sir David.



Diners yesterday at II Forno, the restaurant in La Muela where Mr Noye was seized by police. He is facing extradition proceedings

Work stops on Noye's place in the sun

FROM STEPHEN FARRELL IN LA MUELA

BUILDERS yesterday stopped work on the £350,000 Spanish villa of Kenneth owed them three million pesetas (£12,500).

Pepin Gomez, a local contractor, ordered his four workdismantle their scaffolding and move out of the whitewashed hilltop house in Atlanterra as soon as he beard about his arrest. Kent Police have confirmed Mr Noye is wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of Stephen Cameron, 21. during an argument with the driver of a Land Rover Discovery near Swanley in

May 1996. Danielte Cabte, then 17, was passenger in the car when Mr Cameron received fatal knife wounds.

Señor Gomez, 47, yesterday refused to say how he had first met the Englishman he knew He said: "He was going to

pay me loday. We had one payment in cash a month ago but he said he wanted the bill he could put it through his company and claim it back in his country.

"He was trying to buy the piece of land next to the house which was owned by a German." He said Mr Noye only lived at the villa at weekends, spending the week at another home in the oearby coastal village of Los Canos de Meca. but arrived each morning to check on progress

Although Mr Noye, who spoke little or no Spanish and always paid in cash, carried a mobile telephone he never gave them his number or surname and there was no telephone at the house, said Senor Gomez.

Locals in La Muela, half an hour's drive from the reson of Atlanterra said that Mr Noye. 51. had been seen around the



A Spanish policeman examines Mr Noye's car in Cadiz

arrested last Friday while dming with a women at a nearby fish restaurant in La Mucla and is now in solitary confinement at the maximum security prison in Pucrto de Santa Maria awaiting extradition proceedings, to recent months Mr Noye appears to have been building up a property developent business

on Spain's Atlantic Costa de la Luz, a region popular with Spanish holidaymakers but relatively unknown to the British hordes which throng to the Costa del Sol, 150 miles

He was renovating his Atlanterra and seeking to buy the land next door. He is also believed to have interests in other buildings in La Muela and the nearby towns of Tarifa and Barbate.

The extradition case could last 10 months. After Mr court on Saturday, the British authorities now have 28 days to submit their formal extradition request and evidence to the Ministry of Justice in

"The evidence will then be sent to the central criminal court where prosecutors will want to know whether Noye has broken any Spanis laws such as using a false passport and if Kent Police have a prima facie case," he said.

The Crown Prosecution Service has told Kent Police they believe there is enough evidence for his extradition. However, if Mr Noye is found to have committed offences locally he is likely to be tried and serve any sentence in Spain before extradition. If not it will be six months

before the case is heard before

up to three judges.

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Top lawyers earn close to £900,000

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

LAWYERS in the top commercial law firms have had a record-hreaking year. with the highest paid partners now earning nearly £900,000 a year, according to a survey published today.

Partners at the City of London firm Slaughter and May are the wealthiest. according to the annual survey by the monthly magazine Legal Business. Their top rate is £875.000 a year. But close behind is Allen & Overv at

\$800,000. New parmers in the firm, generally solicitors in their early 30s. would receive £437,000. Twenty commercial firms saw profits shoot up by more than 30 per cent, the survey also shows.

The 200 partners of Britain's biggest commercial firm. Clifford Chance, celebrated a 38 per cent leap in average profits to £478,000. Herbert Smith, whose clients include BAT. Stagecoach and Eurotunnel, saw average profits leap by 35 per cent to £473,000, and partners at Norton

year's Guinness/Grand Mci Merger, saw profits soar by 31 per cent to £331,000. The figures are in stark contrast to the carnings most solicitors. Those in the smaller firms of fewer than five partners would be lucky to earn £60,000 a year and

Rose, which played a leading role in tast

are currently facing huge demands for their prolessional insurance premiums. The carnings do not represent takehome pay, however; many firms have hig overheads and rem or property refurbishment costs. Many partners have to plough back a quarter of their earnings into their firm.

The survey also found that the top 100 firms in England and Wales billed their clients a total of £4.34 billion in legal fees last year, a 16.4 per cent rise on the previous year and the biggest year-onvear increase since 1993, the first year of the survey. Then, in the middle of a recession, fees stood at £2.7 billion.

Martha Klein, editor of Legal Business. "Today's record-breaking figure shows law firm fees have swelled by over 60 per cent in just live years.

They resulted from the continued boom in mergers and acquisition business, she said, coupled with capital markets activity. The firms performing best were the acknowledged leaders in those fields: Slaughter and May, Freshfields, and Linklaters. The top banking firms were Allen & Overy and Clifford Chance: profit margins leapt by 40 per cent at those

Outside London the star pefnrmers were Leeds-based Hammond Suddards and Wragge & Co in Birmingham.

Invasion by the king of Patagonia

Continued from page | | kingdom of Patagonia has more than 1,000 subjects to its name and boasts seven boats

He refused to identify the admiral in command of the royal fleet, pointing out that as the kingdom's nafal supremo. the retired British officer had lelt it necessary in resign for 48 hours during the invasion in order in avoid a conflict of

loyalties. M Raspail claims to be the diplomatic representative of Antoine Touhens, a French adventurer who arrived in southern Argentina in 1860 and had himself proclaimed King of Patagonia by the resident Indians. Tounens's rule was short and hilarious.



and he died in penury in France in 1873. His story was revived by M Raspail, who won the coveted grand prix from the Academie Française in 1981 for his book about the explorer and wouldThe novelist subsequently decided to reestablish the long-dead Tounens as "King of Patagonia in perpetuity". and he first laid claim to the Minquiers archipelago in

This, he claimed, was "in response to Britain's unacceptable and prolinged occupa-tion of the Malvinas Islands (the Argentine name for the Patagonia'

The nicks in the Channel are very similar to the land-scape of Patagonia." M Raspail said yesterday from his home uutside Paris. The Minquiers archipelago,

most of which is submerged at high tide, was for many years the focus of a territorial dis-

pute between Britain and France, but in 1953 the tnternational Court of Justice in The Hague rejected the French claim and confirmed British sovereignty. The selfproclaimed consut-general nf Patagonia insists he has now taken over the French claim to the rocks "so scandalously abandoned by the governments of the Fourth Republic".

M Raspail said he expected British effort to retake the istands would be launched "within hours", but last night the blue, white and green of the royal house of Patagonia still fluttered over the disputed rocks, as Britain faced the first invasion of its C. annel Island possessions since the Second World War.

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'People are not able to distinguish between notoriety and celebrity'









Louise Woodward said yesterday that, during her own televised trial for murder, in America, she had been criticised for giggling, wearing a headband, scratching her nose, and having her hair back

LOUISE WOODWARD, the British au pair convicted of manslaughler after a murder trial broadcast live on US television, said yesterday that cameras had turned her case into a "soap opera" and should not

be permitted in the courtroom. Miss Woodward. 20, said the publicity generated by the dramatic scenes from her trial in Massachusetts had turned her into a minor celebrity whose privacy had been taken away. "People ask me to give autographs and sign baseball caps." she said. 'I find it ridiculous.

"People are not able to distinguish between notoriety and celebrity. I try to say that I'm a normal 20-yearold trying to lead a normal life but

people won't let me." She was participating in a debate about televised trials, at the Edinburgh Television Festival.

Miss. Woodward acknowledged that the televising of her trial had. produced public sympathy for her and donations to the fund for her legal costs, but said that she would hate" the idea of British courts following the American system of

allowing trials to be televised. "I can understand the arguments that it might help prevent miscar-ISHOC, DUIT IL HUTTIS ILIK trial into soap opera and entertainment. It is people's lives and about. It would be a dangerous

Carol Midgley hears the former au pair debate at the Edinburgh Television Festival

position if you had lawyers and the prosecution playing to public opin-ion rather than the judge and jury. You may as well not have a jury.

I can see the arguments for it . . . but I don't think cameras have any place in the courtoom."

Given the choice now she would definitely not have had cameras at her trial. She was aware that some people were performing to the camera. Observers, she said. were counting every time she blinked or scratched her nose: "It put a lot

more pressure on me. It was hard enough being handcuffed in the dock without having a camera trying to get a shot of my hands. It was very distressing."

She said that the issue of the trial was whether Matthew Eappen, the baby she was convicted of killing, had died of the result of a previous injury, but the media were interested in "irrelevant trivia" such as whether professional people should use cheap labour for their childcare.

in the courtroom had focused attention on her appearance - she was described as dumpy and criticised for giggling during evidence.

She said that, being in prison, she couldn't do her hair or put make-up on. "I hadn't had a haircut in nine months and my hair was long and tatty. I managed to tie it back - then I read in a newspaper that I looked like the 'nanny from hell'. Then when I wore a headband they said I was trying to look sweet and innocent." Miss Woodward, who

hopes to go to university, possibly to study law, was accompanied by her American lawyer Barry Scheck to the debate.

She was released earlier this year after an appeal panel backed the trial judge's decision to overturn the jury's second-degree murder verdict. She had served 279 days for the new finding of involuntary manslaughter.

Yesterday said she knew that

media interest in her would contin-

overweight and shy teenager seen by millions last year. She emerged as a slim, articulate young woman

who wanted to talk, not about her claimed innocence, but the ethics of court coverage by the media. Her hair had been cut fashionably short and given blonde high-

lights. She wore a sharply tailored black jacket and skirt. Most noticeably, the drawl that

day from the media asking things

like what university will I go to and

where will I study. I returned from

holiday with my sister to see

paparazzi-style photos of me which

had been taken by members of the

The Government has said it has

public [and sold to newspapers]."

no plans to introduce courtoom television. Miss Woodward was not

paid for appearing at the festival but

Her appearance yesterday was very different from that of the

her expenses were covered.

she picked up after spending in the United States had almost disappeared. Miss Woodward insisted she had received no coaching about how to perform for the media.

She and Mr Scheck had imposed strict conditions on her appearance at the festival. No TV cameras were reporters were obliged to get letters of accreditation first.

Miss Woodward attended a number of media parties in Edinburgh.

Family holiday ends in bus crash tragedy

By A Correspondent

THREE members of a British family on holiday in Florida have died after their rented minibus hit a pick-up truck as they drove to the airport for their flight home.

Susan Bennett, 41, from Peterbrook Shirley, West Midlands, was killed along with her son Ryan, t2. They were thrown from the vehicle, which flipped at least six times after being hit by a pick-up truck and were pronounced dead at Osceola Regional Medical Centre in Kissimmee. Police said they were not wearing seat belts.

Mrs Bennen's husband Gary, 41 and their daughters Sarah. 14. and Leaha, nine. suffered minor injuries.

Sister-in-law Kay Bennen 35. of Solihull, sustained severe head, spine and internal injuries and was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center. Her life support machine was turned off yesterday

morning. Her husband Glenn. 36. and daughters Ellie, seven, and Lydia, four, were slightly injured. A spokesman for the hospital said: "Obviously he is extremely distressed. The whole family is in great shock. If it wasn't bad enough seeing two other people die, being injured yourself and being in a foreign country, to then have to see your own wife die is terribly hard."

Glenn Bennett was driving the families in their rented 18seater Dodge minibus when a local man, Richard Wayne Demlignon, turned left in front of them.

Lieutenant Chuck Williams of Florida Highway Patrol said Mr Demlignon is to be charged with motoring of-

fences in the next few days. The aunt of brothers Gary and Glenn Bennett said the whole family was devastated by the tragedy, and appealed for privacy for them to grieve for the dead. Vera Smith, 53. spoke of the "loving brothers

who old everything together". Mrs Smith said the brothers d planned the "dream hull day" for their families for some time. "They were very close and they did everything together," she said.

Media circus rules cameras out of court

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE chances of television cameras being admitted to courts in England and Wales are virtually nil, given the strong opposition of the country's two most powerful legal figures.

Lord Irvine of Lairy, the Lord Chancellor, and Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, are united in upholding a ban that has been in place since 1925. Even a limited and controlled experiment in Scotland five years ago merits of live coverage of court room drama.

It was, arguably, events in the United States that dealt the biggest setback to the cause of televising courts in England and Wales. The

media circus surrounding the trials of O.J. Simpson and Louise Woodward horrified many members of the judiciary.

The Lord Chancellor said last year that be 'could not countenance" televising courts because there was a risk that the behaviour and judgment of laywers, witnesses and the jury might be affected. In Scotland there is no ban and judges have the power to allow cameras in. In 1992 Lord Hape, the Lord President of the Court of Session, gave permission for the filming The Trial, was broadcast in 1994.

The broadcasters were allowed to film criminal trials but only under tightly controlled circumstances. Judges, lawyers, defendants and witnesses in a case had to agree to filming and it was allowed only on condition that nothing was shown until after the trial and any possible appeals had ended. The documentary showed footage from the trials, interwoven with a reconstruction of the crime and interviews with

The 30-minute documentary showed the trial of a man accused of stealing a bus. It took five months to negotiate filming of his case and the programme was not allowed to show the jury

the participants.

The finished programme had to be approved by the Sheriff who judged the case before it was broadcast. As a result of the difficulties there have been few similar broadcasts.

Sex-change embezzler sent to women's jail

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A FORMER rugby player said: "This is an exceptional who claims to be a woman case and the final decision will who claims to be a woman after a sex-change operation yesterday became the first transsexual to be sent to a female prison unit when she was sentenced to 15 months for

embezziement. Alexandra MacRae, 57, a lawyer who stood as a Scottish. Nationalist parliamentary candidate on four occasions. both as a man and a woman. was jailed in spite of protests from the defence that her circumstances may place her at risk from other inmates and would add to the "horror" of

the punishment. Sheriff Brian Scoullar, at Dundee Sheriff Court, said that he had already deferred sentence to give the six-foot former rugby forward time to repay the money she had stolen. That she had failed to do, he said, and therefore he had no hesitation in sending

her to prison. The case had posed a dilemma for the Scottish Prison Service, which had to decide where she should be incarcerated. In line with the thinking of colleagues in England, they concluded that although she was born a man, she should be treated as a woman, providing a medical examination confirmed she had undergone sex-change surgery.

Women doctors were understood to be examining her yesterday. The Prison Service

physically, then she will remain at the unit " MacRae, formerly known as Stephen Rae, is understood to have been sent to the special female unit at Craiginches Prison. Aberdeen, which houses up to 180 male prisoners, with a separate 10-place women's jail attached.
MacRae will have a private
cell and to begin with will be
kept apart from the three
inmates currently in the unit.
MacRae, who underwent a

be a medical one. If the doctor

is satisfied that she is a woman.

sex-swap operation in Glas-gow in 1984, admitted embezzhing £16,634 from a client between July and November 1996 at her solicitor's practice in Dundee.



MacRae doctors will

Over-the-limit MP warns of day-after effect

A LABOUR MP spoke yesterday of his "horror" at failing a breath test and urged other drivers to learn from his

Jamie Cann, 52, MP for lpswich, failed the roadside test after he was stopped for speeding as he drove his wife, Rosemary, to a friend's house at hunchtime on Saturday. The former teacher admitted speeding and being over the limit but said he had not had a drink on the day he was stopped. He blamed the positive test on beer he had drunk at home the night before.

"I have never, ever, knowingly driven over the alcohol limit and, indeed, I never drive if I have had more than pint of beer," he said. "If I had had an inkling I was over the limit my wife would have driven the car." He had attended a political meeting in a local pub hours before the test but had

drunk orange juice.

A Suffolk police spokes-woman said Mr Cann was stopped as he drove at 40mph through a 30mph zone at Martiesham. He was released on police bail to appear before Deben magistrates, near lpswich, next Monday. Mr Cann added: "We were

offence, in common with other cars, and they decided to breathalyse me. To my horror I was over the limit. "That is the only time I have

stopped for a minor motoring

been over the limit in 25 years driving and I did not have a clue that I was. I hope others will learn the lesson, namely that you can't assume because of the passage of a number of hours and a period of sleep that you are not still over the

John Mowles, Mr Cann's election agent, said that the MP had always been a strunch critic of anyone who knowingly broke alcohol limits. "Obviously it was something left in his system," Mr Mowles said yesterday. Jamie has always said you should not drink and drive and if he had had a drink, he would not drive."

A Labour Party spokesman said that disciplinary action against Mr Cann was "very



Cann: will appear in court next week

Weather balloon meets an icy end

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE rogue weather balloon that has wandered half way around the world was believed yesterday finally to have

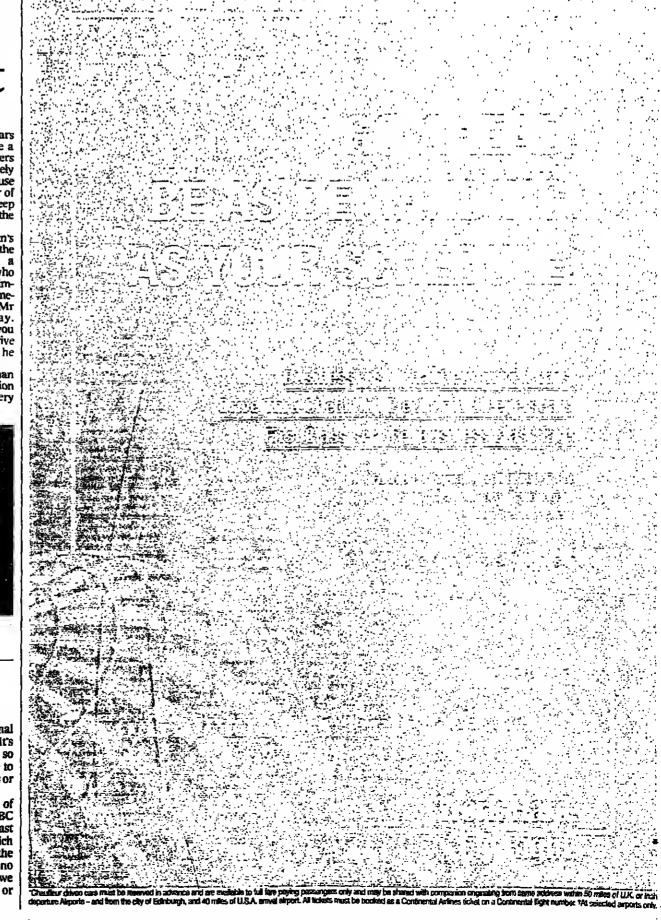
arrived at journey's end. Norwegian aviation authorities had earlier reported it in Russian air space over the Barenis Sea. As tall as a 25 storey building, the balloon was launched in Saskatoon in Canada on August 24 to measure the orone layer. When it failed to self-destruct. Canadian airforce fighters fired more than 1,000 rounds at it

without apparent effect. As it crossed the Atlantic, air traffic had to be rerouted. By Sunday it appeared to be sinking peacefully to rest in the Arctic, but found a new lease of life and headed on east. The balloon entered Norwegian air

space at around 10pm on Sunday, passing south of Bear Island, and moved into Russian air space at seven o'clock on Monday murning," Stein Erik Finnevolden, supervisor at the Bodoe air traffic control centre, said yesterday. "It is moving in a constant northeasterly direction at between 27,000ft and 37,000ft." Sylvain Justaut, head of the

balloon division at France's national space studies centre, CNES, said: "It's surprising that the balloon flew for so long. We're happy when we manage to keep our craft up in the air for 20 hours or Dale Sommerseldt, vice president of

Scientific Instrumentation Ltd, told BBC Radio 5 Live that the balloon had last been seen west of Spitsbergen, which straddles the Arctic Circle north of the Norwegian mainland. "As there were no reports from aircraft in the area today we believe it's finally down, in the sea, or possibly on pack ice," he said.



Young Princes shielded from the public glare

A HANDFUL of respectful onlookers waited outside the stone gates of Balmoral Castle. As the sombre procession of vehicles emerged for the drive to Crathie church and the memorial service for Di-ana. Princess of Wales, they fell silent

On a day for private grief and quiet reflection, few of the 40 or so people who gathered outside the Queen's estate on Royal Deeside to pay their respects on the first anniversary of the Princess's death expected any acknowledgment from the royal party as they drove past in a convoy of cars.

It was enough to catch a glimpse of Prince William and Prince Harry, sandwiched between Prince Edward and the Princess Royal in the back of a one of the vehicles. The Princes, who had requested the private service to remember their mother, looked solemn and dignified as they entered the church to take their usual seats in the royal transept alongside their

The 20-minute service, also attended by Tony Blair and his wife, Cherie, was conducted by the Rev Robert Sloan, the Queen's domestic chaplain in Scotland, It was a simple commemorative event that included four readings from the Bible and prayers for the Princess and her family. Mr Sloan read Psalm 23, the

Lord Is My Shepherd. and from Isaiah, chapter 40, which begins. "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, sayith your God." He was followed by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev Professor Alan Main, who read from Romans, chapter 8. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not in the flesh but after the Spirit", and St John's Gospel.

not your heart be troubled." Later Mr Sloan said yesterday's service was designed to help the Princes William and Harry to cope on what must have been a painful day. "Our main concern was for the boys, that they be allowed to

William and Harry allowed

to remember their mother in

private, writes

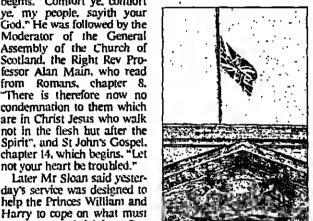
Gillian Harris

remember their mother in the way that they want," he said. After the service the Royal Family made the short drive back across the Dee to the

sanctity of Balmoral, ft had been suggested that the Queen, the Prince of Wales and the young Princes might stop at the gates to speak to those who had waited patient-ly in the sunshine but the cars swept past.
To local people, who are fiercely protective of the Royal

Family when they are visiting Balmoral, it was the right decision. Even a year ago, when thousands of mourners flocked to Kensington Palace and Althorp to lay flowers, the people of Deeside stayed away from Balmural, preferring to let the bereaved family mourn in private.

Today is not about the Queen's subjects," Marjorie Black, from Aberdeen, said. "It is about the Princes, and



Union flag at half mast over Buckingham Palace

ust Married.

We have gathered here today to witness the union of Asoray and Garrard. For rewatery, for juggage. For tableware, for gifts in silver and in gold.

no reason why they should want to stop and talk to people on today of all days."

Kathleen and Stanley Gould, on holiday from Preston, Lancashire, agreed. "We came here to show our respects and because we feel sorry for the boys. But we also feel the Royal Family should be left alone today and be given some privacy." Mrs Gould said.

Only the Judd family from Bracknell, Berkshire, were disappointed not to meet Princes William and Harry. Deborah and Barry Judd had travelled to Balmoral with their sons Daniel, 9, and Adrian, 6, at the end of a formight's holiday. They had wanted to present the Princes with a box of chocolates and a condolence card. "It would have been nice to hand them to the boys," Mrs Judd said. "We just wanted to let them know that we are thinking of them."

An hour after the service ended. Crathie church was reopened to the public. Some of those gathered outside Balmoral drifted up the hill to the granite church to offer prayers for the Princess.

A special prayer sheet had been placed in the pews. It read: "Today I have come to this quiet place to offer my prayer of remembrance and thanksgiving for Diana, Princess of Wales. She was a person whose life touched the hearts of so many people. She knew sorrow as well as happiness in her own life, and through this she grew in compassion for the suffering

of others. "I pray for those who were closest to her. I pray especially for her two young sons, Prince William and Prince Harry. Surround them with your loving care. May the love and assurance of their family pro-

Outside, in the late summer sunshine, visitors wandered around the small churchyard lost in thought, "I can see why the Royal Family chose to remember her here," Ronald Murty, from Glasgow, said. "It is so peaceful, so quiet. It gives you time to think."



Tony and Cherie Blair leaving Balmoral yesterday morning for the memorial service for Diana, Princess of Wales, at Crathie parish church

Expected crowds stay away from Althorp

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

EARL SPENCER and his family remembered Diana, Princess of Wales, behind the locked gates of Althorp yesterday as far fewer people than expected arrived to pay their tributes at her ancestral home.

There was little evidence of the public grief displayed a year ago. Most visitors said they wanted to respect the earl's wishes for privacy and tranquillity. His neighbours, wary as ever of being besieged by Diana worshippers. said that yesterday showed a shift in mood in the way the

public were remembering the Princess's death.

The visitors were subdued hut the seniments expressed by those leaving their flowers and poems was respect and fondness rather than the unre-

Strained grief of a year ago.

No one kept vigil as visitors came and went in swift and silent order. Margaret Morris, 46, from Hinckley, Leicester and silent order. tershire, said: "We won't ever forget Dlana but maybe this is the end of the process of public grieving."

Lord Spencer, together with his sisters. Lady Sarah Jane Fellowes, and other family members gathered for a simple service at the lake-side looking over to the island where the Princess is huried. They were joined by estate

workers and those locally who remember the Princess's childhood. Together they sang hymns and said prayers before leaving flowers at the side of the oval lake. Lord Spencer had hoped that Prince William and

Prince Harry would have attended yesterday's memorial service but they told him they wished to remain with their father, the Prince of Wales, at Balmoral. Outside Althorp the police

and security guards who had sealed off the estate from first light were hardly needed as a trickle rather than the expected flood of well-wishers drew up at the black and gold iron gates. By thisk only a few hundred bouquets and personal tributes lined the sandstone

Deanna Scharenguivel, 58, and her daughter Joanna, 30, said: "We still wanted to come and pay our respects because she was such a marvellous woman and we will keep her memory alive. But perhaps it's time we put our grief

There was relief among the estale's neighbours in Great Bringtoo that predictions that their village would be submerged by day-trippers never materialised, just as the expectation that Althorp would become a giant park when it was opened this

Many of those there yesterday had visited the exhibition about the Princess in the last hours before it closed on Sunday. Some, like Diane Parker, 46. said: "It's a shame we couldn't have paid our re-spects at the lakeside. Those who would have made such a journey would obviously have

behaved with dignity." Many of those who came yesterday were tourists sim-ply curious to see the Princess's home. They were disappointed at seeing little more than the Spencer flag flying at half-mast above the

Mariner

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Diana devotees turn on heretic

Continued from Page f; people's feelings." Geoffrey Musgrave. a policeman, and his wife Colleen, a retired college lecturer. from

Kingshury. northwest London, brought roses to declare their support for a Diana garden in the park. We have a rose garden in Regent's Park for Queen Mary, why not for

Diana? said Mrs Musgrave.
Angela and Richard Harding, chartered surveyors from Bristol, were visiting London with their niece Freya. 18, from Australia, and their sons George and Tom, but brought no flowers. Mrs Har-ding said: "I find flowers and messages sickly, like in memo-riam verses in provincial papers. But I came because it still makes me profoundly sad that she died so young. And because if anyone should be criticised, it is her husband

criticised, it is her husband who caused her unhappiness. People still feel that very strongly."

Indeed they do. Gill Marseilles, from Raynes Park, southwest London, sat on a bench, having distributed leaflets. She said: "Charles and Camilla, I will never forgive you. I hope Diana is always

ton Gardens at 6.15 am. They greeted a young man carrying roses, lan Jackman, a hotel manager from Hampstead, had just returned from Paris. How did they know each other? "From following Diana, of course." Jackman had followed her for ten years.

Anyone carrying a television camera (they outnum-bered the crowd at first) was harangued by Diana fans with scorn for the Royal family and support for Diana. "Used, abused and discarded by the Royals and their cronies," us one message put it.
"So much foved by the people who really matter."

Typical of the Princess's people, Jo Bird and Jack Mauncey, student midwife and ex-soldier, had arrived at midnight and camped under a tree with two candles. They waxed lyrical about the midnight scene: "The gold and black gates lit by all the candles were like an altar. It was quiet, and loving, and respectful.

At the other side of the park. younger, livelier, more mixed, more raucous and much higger crowd was thronging towards the Noting Hill Carnival. The two events will undoubtedly be a Bank Holiday fixture again in 1999. Even Dr Starkey will have to accept



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you. I hope Diana is always the third person in your relationship. A retired narmy, she and her friend Ruth, a retired nurse, had been to Althorp yesterday and to Paris on the Princess's birthday [1] felt closer to Diana than ever before, in Paris"). A year ago صكرا من الأصل

My curse will haunt killers, says Al Fayed

Alan Hamilton sees Harrods boss

swear new vengeance over crash

THE first anniversary of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, was marked yesterday by private prayers, subdued remembrance, and a promise by Mohamed Al Fayed that his Egyptian curse would ultimately find those responsible for the deaths of the Princess and his son Dodi.

Mr Al Fayed, who has clung resolutely to a conspiracy theory over the crash in the Paris, and has pointedly refrained from sending any message of condolence to the Royal Family, used a brief visit to his Harrods store yesterday to fire another dart in the side of his perceived enemy, the British Establishment.

Greeting a small crowd who had gone to sign books of condolence and to view a shrine to the dead couple, Mr Al Fayed said: "The Establishmeni won't accept Dodi - as an Egyptian and as my son — as the man who could have married Princess Diana."

Gesturing to the knot of onlookers, Mr Al Fayed said: "These are ordinary people — they know exactly what happened. They will not accept the Establishment, or people being blackballed. I am just looking to God, but I will not

Struggling with his emo-tions, he added: "If it wasn't an accident, and it's a murder, be sure that if the people who did this murder believe they will get away with it, then Hell will come to them. If they are more powerful than God, then people will come to them, and my Egyptian curse will not let them get away with it. Either Iam wrong or they are." Mr Al Fayed expressed sympathy for Prince William and Prince Harry: "I feel sorry for the Princes, who are very close and are two very loving boys. For two children the mother is such an important thing. I am suffering because I lost my son but those two boys are strong boys with a lot of character. They have inherited a lot from

Mr Al Fayed had been expected to spend the day at his family home at Oxted. Surrey, in private prayer and contemplation. But he went to his Knightsbridge store in the early afternoon, saying that he had come to thank those members of the public who had queued to sign his books of condolence placed outside

Dressed in a sombre grey suit, Mr Al Fayed used the occasion as another opportunity to promote his view than an unspecified "Establishment" would never have allowed a marriage between a son of his and the Princess.

The Harrods chairman, whose applications for British citizenship have been consistendy refused by the Home Office, is apparently alone in believing that his son and the Princess were even contemplating a permanent union.

"I always talk my mind. I fear nobody," he said. "I follow my heart. It has been a horrendous day but there is a lot of feeling here, so much support from so many people.

I really appreciated it. I am very grateful.
"I spent the day with the

family in the morning. I just came to see all the people waiting here. It is nice just to share that. This is so impor-



A replica of the basement shrine forms part of the window dressing at Harrods yesterday: two lecterns with books of condolence were near by

Kitsch in store for mourners at Harrods

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE department store whose telegraphic address is "Everything, London", and whose food halls are a paradigm of excellence, yesterday unveiled the counterpoint to its otherwise impeccable taste in merchandise.

In the lower ground floor of Harrods, by the Egyptian "stairway to heaven" escalator, Mohamed Al Fayed has created a permanent me-morial to his son Dodi and Diana. Princess of Wales. The memorial reflects neither the Christian nor the Islamic traditions: it is pure kitsch.

Harrods said yesterday that the memorial would form the centrepiece of a permanent shrine "in response to continuing public requests for an appropriate place to leave flowers. ributes and messages of condolence". It is, essentially, a bronze fountain whose pools of water are intended to symbolise eternal life and whose display of freesias, lilies and roses was, according to a Harrods spokes-man, "inspired by the couple's last holiday together and the happiness they shared". The 10ft-high memorial is crowned

by colour portraits of the couple -- that of the Princess from her 1991 Vogue photoshoot - framed in gilded swirls and interlinked by a double D. Water from the fountain flows from the beaks of four seagulls, intended to reinforce the symbolism of water as eternal life. There is no reference to Henri Paul, the driver who also died. The shrine is the work of Bill Mitchell, the store's in-house designer who worked on the restoration of another of Mr Al Fayed's properties,

the Ritz in Paris. It was made by Harrods' own craftsmen. Queues for the shrine, which is tucked away on the lower ground floor, were modest yesterday and opinions were divided. Some thought it too glitzy, others approved of a reminder that more that one person died in the crash.

An identical copy of the shrine bas been placed in one of the store's front



A well-wisher hugs Al Fayed

windows and at 10am two greencoated doormen placed two lecterns with open books of condolence on either side of the window. A small queue, numbering about 50 within half an hour, built up to sign the books

and to leave bouquets and cards against the shop window. The display. like the crowd, was tiny compared with that at the Kensington Palace The first card to be placed by the

Harrods' window arrived before the public and bore the handwritten message: "Dear Mr Fayed. We are thinking of you and your family on this day of remembrance for Dodi and Diana. Thank you for giving us a memorial to visit which is accessible to the people. With all best wishes for the future." The card was unsigned. At night, the exterior of Harrods is

normally lit by 11,000 bulbs. Last night it was In darkness, and its flag at halfmast, in common with royal residences and public buildings throughout the country. The only light was that illuminating the memorial window display.

The temporary shrine in the window will remain until the end of the week. Then Mr Al Fayed will take it home and use it for his own private contemplation.

Parisians hold vigil at shrine near site of crash

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

POEMS were read by candle light last night at the unofficial shrine in Paris near where the

Princess met her death. The cultural group, Odyssec Découverte, was granted official permission to hold an anniversary gathering at the site, where bouquets and tributes had been left throughout the day. A choir sang and readings were made from the poems wrinen and left at the Flame of Liberty" sculpture in memory of the Princess.

The flag on the British Embassy flew at half-mast. and the apartment off the Champs-Elysèes belonging to Dodi Fayed, where he and the Princess were headed on the night of the crash, was closed and shuttered.

Police reinforced security around the underpass beneath the Place de l'Alma 10 prevent anyone from anempting to enter the tunnel to visit the spot where the speeding limousine smashed into a concrete pillar. But in the early hours of vesterday one person managed to break through the metal barricades to lay a

single bouquet by the pillar. Stephanie Debove-Thery. the head of Odyssee Decouverte, said of last night's ceremony: "It's a very sad anniversary and we want to make sure it's remembered. We have not invited VIPs. It's an open invitation. It's for everyone," Among those who made the pilgrimage to the Place de l'Alma was Frédéric Mailliez, the off-duty doctor who attended the dying Princess just moments after the crash. "I wish I could have done more. I know I did my best but she could have lived 50 years longer ... I'm not proud of what I did. I was just doing my job." he lold reporters. The doctor added that a

permanent Paris memorial should be erected. "People are laying flowers here, which is wonderful ... There is clearly a demand for something special to be placed here."

Foreign attention focuses on how Britons feel a year later

Helen Rumbelow detects a note of disappointment from abroad that people are not crying in the streets

FOR observers from other countries, the obsession was with how Britain was coping with the anniversary, rather than the woman whose death it marked.

They made calls in their dozens yesterday from Detroit to Brussels. 10 radio and television stations, even Internet sites, anxious to know whether the astonishing outpouring of emotion last year would be

A call to The Times newsdesk from a Seattle radio station, nearly the tenth in an hour, was typical. "How are they reacting? Are people crying in the streets?" asked Willie, the on-air host. Like Willie, many seemed disappointed that the Brit-

ish were returning to the reputation of reserve they have abroad. But in sharp constrast to the reporting of the death and funeral, coverage yesterday abroad was patchy. Very few newspapers beyond European ones mentioned the anniversary of the Princess's death and those that did often expressed weariness at all the coverage that had gone before.

France and Australia were exceptions. Although Libération wrote of "a kingdom that has finally finished mourning for the tearful Princess and appears to want to turn the page," the word "frugal" was one of the most common to crop up in reports about the reaction of Britons. The popular

daily France-Soir voiced this frus-tration at the British reserve. "The second humiliation" read its frontpage headline, "Humiliated by Charles while she was alive, will she be humiliated again by her admirers after her death?"

In Australia the Sydney Morning Herald offered mixed praise for the national stiff upper lip and accused the media of going over the top. "One year on. Britain is coping well

with the death of Diana, Princess of Wales ... Only a few journalists and television producers seem still unable to come to terms with their

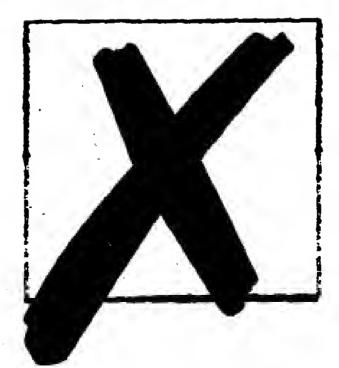
None of the major American newspapers ran the anniversary as front-page news. The New York Times mentions it in a leading article headlined "Misplaced Mourning", only to write of last year's phenomenon: "Of course,

wonder if maybe it wasn't all a little

over the top." The Washington Post leading article notes that "the British public seem to be reacting with what once, pre-Diana, was considered its customary reserve". A supplementary article on media coverage adds: "Is there anybody who hasn't really had enough by now? ... Diana tried to keep her dignity in life, and

it's unseemly to try robbing her of it

Only a handful of other newspapers around the world reported the anniversary, with several highlighting the irony that many who went to pay tribute at royal palaces were in fact tourists from their countries. The News in Pakistan said that "tourists outnumbered Britons in a muted display of mourning" and that "one year aher being gripped by mass hysteria over her death, the British are showing signs of 'Diana fadgue' ".



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SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS have discovered a strong genetic link to schizo-

phrenia, a mental disease that

An American research team

reports that an area on chro-

mosome 13 appears to include

a gene that increases the

likelihood of the disease. They

have not located the precise

gene yet but have produced

strong evidence that it exists.

schizophrenia susceptibility will be like finding a particu-

lar house in a large city," says

Ann Pulver, of Johns Hopkins

University in Baltimore, who

led the study. "We've found the city. It's a first step, and an

The team studied more than

100 families with more than

one case of schizophrenia,

taking blood samples and

examining them for genetic

A study involving 54 fam-

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Russians want e-mail bids for lost Nazi archive

BY PHILLIP KNIGHTLEY

A SECRET archive of Nazi ries of Martin Bormann, Hitler's chief associate - said to have been seized by Red Army commandos in Berlin in the last days of the Second World War, is being offered for sale in the West.

The archive, of about one million pages, could cast new light on the war and events leading up to it. It includes not only Nazi files but French files seized by the Gestapo when Paris fell and then taken to Berlin. The Red Army sent the documents packed in steel trunks to Moscow by train and from there they were dispersed for safe-keeping to other Soviet cities and towns.

tsrael Shamir. a Moscow journalist who is acting for the sale of the documents, said: They were stacked in government rooms in any old order. the doors were locked and then just about everybody forgot about them. The only sign that anyone bothered to read any of them is a few handwrinen notes on some pages made by the head of Stalin's secret service.



Bormann: his diaries may tell of Hitler's end

Lavrenti Beria." When Gorbachev liberalised the Soviet regime in the late 1980s. Moscow announced that the Nazi archive would be accessible to scholars and historians. but nothing happened. No one knew where all the trunks were and - because they had never been catalogued - what they contained. No historian had the time or money to do

Last year a group of Russian entrepreneurs formed a private company and proposed to

the Russian Government that it should catalogue the Nazi documents at its own expense in return for the right to exploit their contents. It has been slowly carrying out that work and has decided to market the archive. Mr Shamir said that since

there could be disputes over the legal ownership of the archive, the Russian company had, for the moment, decided to selt only copies of the docu-ments. The list of the contents of the archive that the company has given him includes:

Marin Bormann's diaries from January I to May I, 1945. which presumably document the Nazi leaders' last days in the Berlin bunker.

The personal papers of Heinrich Himmler, the SS

chief. Among them is a letter from the Irish poet and Nobel prizewinner W.B. Yeats, written after his visit to Germany in 1938, saying how impressed he was with Nazi Germany. ☐ Hundreds of leners exchanged between General Erich Ludendorff, Chief of the German General Staff in the First World War, and Walter

Secret Service, 1919-23. ☐ Correspondence between Nicolal and Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, 1920-39. ☐ The personal archive of Franz von Papen, the politi-

Nicolai, head of the German

cian who helped Hitler to become Chancellor of Germany. This includes letters between Von Papen and Hitler, Himmler and Hess. ☐ The original manuscripts of some of Beriolt Brecht's plays.

☐ Files from the French secret

service, the Deuxième Bureau,

revealing that Paul Rayout, a journalist who was head of Havas, the French news agen-cy in Berlin during 1933-37, was actually a French spy. Mr Shamir says he is not authorised to disclose who is behind the company and all

negotiations with possible buyers in the West have so far been conducted by e-mail: ishamir@mailexcite.com "The company has no address," Mr Shamir said. "It



Barbara Fowler and her grass portrait. "It isn't a compliment at all." she said: "it's quite embarrassing"

A WOMAN whose face bas been reproduced in growing grass for an art exhibition is not best pleased with the result (Deborah Collcutt writes). First, she did not give her permission; second, Barbara Fowler says, "I'm sure they've added lines that weren't there originally." Mrs Fowler's features are on display

on a 20st growing canvas in a gallery in Huli. The picture was created by Heather Ackroyd with the help of special grass developed by local scientists. Ms Ackroyd spotted Mrs Fowler in the

street and asked to photograph her. She was so struck by her strong features that she decided to make her portrait the focus of her grass image. However, Mrs

Subject cuts grass art down to size

Fowler, a pensioner, is appalled that her face is on display as part of the Photo '98 Year of Photography and Electronic Image exhibition, commissioned by Hull Time Based Arts.

She said: "I'm very annoyed to see what they've done with my photo. They

didn't tell me their plans. When they asked if they could take my photo I told them to get someone younger but they said they wanted someone with strong features. It isn't a compliment at all, it's

she is sorry I'm upset but I only live five minutes away and there's going to be a lot of people recognise me."

The work was made by planting 75kg of seed on a clay-covered wall. A slide was made from Mrs Fowler's photograpb and light shone through it onto the living canvas". Where the light is brightest, the grass grows longer, creating shadows along the face's contours.

quite embarrassing "I've spoken to Heather and she says

strong.

This is not the first time claims of the same sort have

been made but the Johns Hopkins team says that the link to chromosome 13 is statistically much stronger than previous claims. Carrying the gene does not mean that an individual will

develop the disease, as studies of identical twins make clear. If one twin develops schizophrenia, the other has a 46 per cent chance of doing so much less than the 100 per cent that would be the case if only the genes mattered, ... Schizophrenia is a common

disease, occurring in about one persoo in 100. The symptoms include delusions, hallucinations, disorganised behaviour and speech, and mood problems such as de-

pression or mania.
The new study, published in Nature Genetics, suggests that those with the mood disorders are more likely to have the gene on chromosome while those with full symptoms show links to chromosomes 8 and 13.

The next step will be to try to genes involved and to work out which proteins they are responsible for making. That could provide clues about the cause of the disease and lead

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PICTURE TELLS A FATAL STORY



The helicopter about to crash into the sea off Korea

Moments after this photograph was taken, the Dragonfly belicopter plunged into the sea, killing the pilot and the crewman, (Richard Duce writes). At the time of the crash, doring the Korean War in 1953, accident Investigators were unable to determine the cause. But the photograph shows that the rotor blade had come off.

Ted Harrison, 67. who took the photograph, was a leading seaman on the destroyer HMS Consort waiting for the helicopter to deliver mail. It was not until several months later on shore leave that Mr Harrison, from Plymouth, developed his film. "I never mentioned it. It was too late and six months later the war had finished."

IoD dismisses stress guidelines fecting just senior executives, it is affecting managerial.

BY DEBORAH COLLCUIT

THE Institute of Directors has claimed that new guidelines designed to protect employees from excessive stress could be counter-productive and threaten jobs.

Ruth Lea, head of the institute's policy unit, said that a document to be issued by the Health and Safety Executive this week reminding companies of their legal responsibil-

ity for the health and wellbeing of their staff was "laughable". "It is impossible to prove whether stress is related to work or something private and it is unrealistic to expect personnel managers to be able to find that out. Just reading the guidelines let alone implementing them will be timeconsuming and expensive, especially for the smaller firms and could, ultimately,

put jobs at risk." The executive wants the Government to introduce a

that half a million Britons suffer illnesses related to stress at work. Jenny Bacon, the organisation's director-

statutory code of practice on stress that would make it action against their employers. A survey by the Health and Safety Executive has shown

general, said: "This is not af-

There have been no cases of companies being prosecuted for causing stress but North-umberland County Council

professional and clerical staff,

care workers, nurses and

was ordered by a court to pay E175,000 to a social worker who had had a nervous breakdown, two years ago. Since then, many employers have settled out of court in comparable cases. Ms Lea says that the guidelines will not stop those whom

employers slipping through the net. "You're never going to catch those guys. Meanwhile, the good companies, the wellrun organisations which do

who never think about the practicalities."

A recent survey commissioned by the IoD showed that 45 per cent of employers would think twice before taking on women of child-bearing age if additional legislation on maternity benefits was introduced. "The same will happen if these guidelines become law: employers would perhaps think twice about employing somebody with a previous mental illness where they might otherwise have

given them a fresh start." The HSE guidelines will duty in law to make sure that your employees aren't made ill by their work." Companies are encouraged to be sympathetic towards staff who feel stress-ed; workers should never be

Motorway shuts as gang stone motorists

By Russell Jenkins

POLICE are looking for three teenagers who forced the closure of a motorway by bombarding cars with hundreds of bricks and stones from a bridge. Drivers suffered cuts after their windscreens were shanered.

About 300 missiles were thrown from the bridge across the unlit M67 in Hyde, near Manchester, on Sunday oight where the road passes through a built-up area near a

large estate. The motorway was closed for 20 minutes while police and the fire service cleared debris and removed damaged vehicles. A police spokesman said: "Given the quantity of bricks and stones thrown, it is surprising more serious inju-

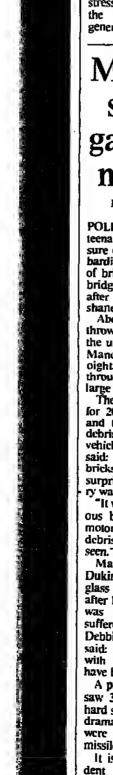
"It was all the more danger ous because that stretch of motorway is unlit so the debris would not have been

Matthew Kelly, 14, from Dukinfield, Manchester, had glass removed from an eye after his parents' windscreen was shattered. His father suffered cuts to his arms. Debbie Kelly, his mother, said: "We were screaming with shock. Matthew could have been killed."

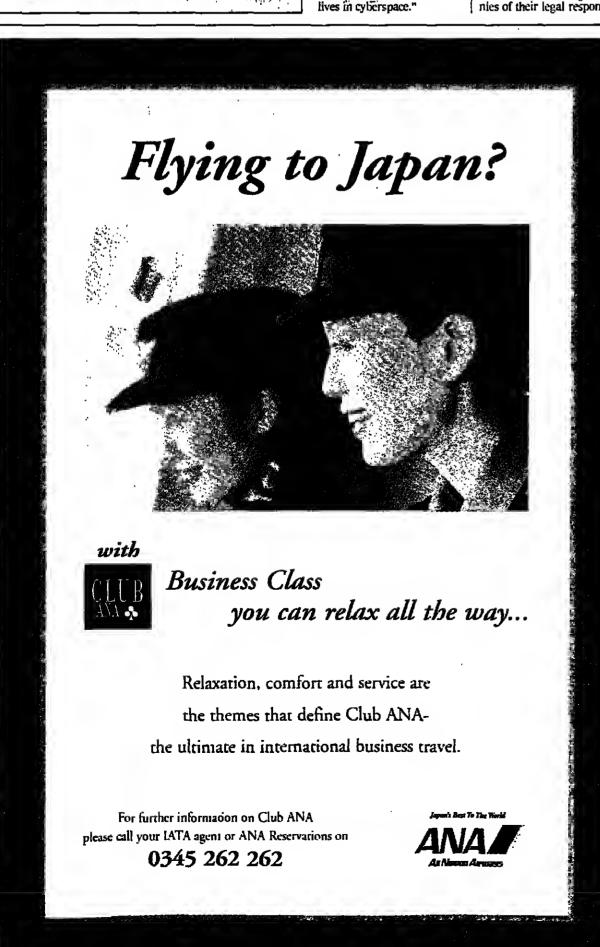
A passing motorist said: "I saw 30 cars parked on the hard shoulder. It looked very dramade." Three teenagers were seen throwing the missiles.

It is the second such incident in the area within a week. Two youths were later arrested after five cars were damaged by stones thrown by youths from a field next to the

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Showman finds nothing succeeds like failures

MOST theatre producers like to find new, successful shows. Ian Marshall Fisher goes looking for old flops. Now he is to stage a Barbican revival of a musical that failed so abysmally at its first airing that it has not been fully

reconstructed for 70 years. The idea sounds almost like the plot of *The Producers*, the film comedy about a bad-taste musical that is intended to fail. Indeed, one of the many neglected musicals favoured by Mr Marshall Fisher features a singing, tapdancing Gandhi on hunger strike. And yet his secret is that all his shows were written by some of the greatest names in theatre. and failed originally for rea-sons that had nothing to do with the quality of the songs.

His latest revival is George and Ira Gershwin's Strike Up The Band, which features songs such as The Man I Love. It was a dismal failure when it was premiered in 1927 because it is an anti-war comedy. Mr Marshall Fisher said: "The trouble was that most of the audience had lost husbands and sons in the First World War and were horrified."

Barry Cryer and David de Keyser will star in this month's revival of the ridiculous story about Americans going to war with Switzerland over cheese. About a fifth of the show has been neglected over the years. A softened version was attempted in 1930



Zero Mostel and Kenneth Mars in The Producers

Dalya Alberge

merstein "family entertain-

Mr Marshall Fisher la-

their work would be remem-

Gershwin's birth. Although

audiences love musicals, he

feels many writers are not

classics. The success of many

revivals shows that "the de-

mand is there, but the supply

forward in the last 30 years is

Stephen Sondheim, America

this century will be remem-

bered for two things - the

Hollywood film and Broad-

way musical."

The only person who has

is pretty thin", he says.

writing for the season."

ment" territory.

by a producer who provides

encores for

box-office flops

Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney had little to do with the original. The complete original manuscript was found by an archivist at a New Jersey warehouse. The Gershwin family provided financial help for the reconstruction on September 18.

Mr Marshall Fisher, 42, a British producer-director, has devoted the past eight years to seeking out and reviving neglected musicals. He laments that no one today writes shows as well as the Gershwins, Cole Porter. Rodgers and Hammerstein or Irving Berlin: "None of our contemporaries have that style, content, wil and intelligence."

Among works he has unearthed is As Thousands Cheer by Berlin and Moss Hart, "In 1933 it was successful but it may have been neglected because it included a politically incorrect passage in which Gandhl tried to improve his publicity ratings during his hunger strike by taking up tapdancing and singing 42nd Street in his loincloth." he said.

more to track down. Among them are Love Life - a 1940s Lerner about a husband and wife who never age over 150 years of increasingly complex

John Steinbeck and Rodgers and Hammerstein, which played for six months on Broadway. It was about a brothel keeper, which was not the usual Rodgers and Ham-

Officers in halted trial still

BY TIM JONES

Althur

in Army

SIX army officers who were criticised by a judge after being acquitted of gang rape are still with the service almost a year after the trial. They have been suspended

from duty but are still drawmg half-pay. Although Cap-tains lan Barlow and Philip Bates, Lieutenants Darren Bartlett and Matthew Tup-ling, and Officer Cadets Nich-olas Oettinger and Andrew Stout were acquitted at Oxford Crown Court last October. Judge Julian Hall told them after their trial, which he had halted: "If six men think it is a good idea to have sex with one woman they run the risk of being accused of rape. I think they brought this prosecution on themselves."

The men's reputations were in tatters, and senior army officers expected the men to be quickly discharged. But it was not until last week that two senior army investigating officers visited the woman at home to question her in detail about what had happened.

Officers admit that it is taking a long time to complete the internal investigation. Each of seven people - the six acquitted and a seventh who was not charged - has had to be investigated separately.

The investigation that led to the charges was carried out by the civilian MoD police Because the six were acquitted the MoD police refused to pass on the paperwork to the military police who had the task of investigating the allegations for a second time to see

whether the Army's disciplinary code had been breached. Without the MoD police files, the military police special investigations branch had to begin its own inquiry based on court transcripts.

One senior officer said: Each of the individuals has legal rights and everything has had to be referred to their lawyers. This is why it is

taking such a long time. The men had been accused of raping the woman at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire. in May 1006.

on new revival

and a 1940 film version with

He has a list of about 50

musical by Weill and Alan J. American history.

Another is Pipe Dream, by

NEWS IN BRIEF Mother shops son aged four

A mother unable to cure her four-year-old son of pilfering took him to the police station where he was given a "severe ticking off" and shown the cells. Sarah Hilson, 22, from Penarth, South Wales, said her son, Roger, became a changed boy. "It may seem a bit harsh but ... the message really got through."

A police spokesman said: We are really happy to support parents like this with instilling values."

Race accident

A spectator at a Bank Holiday sports car race meeting was killed when a wheel flew off a car during a practice lap. The man, aged 30, was hit by the wheel as people gathered at Castle Coombe circuit, Wiltshire. An inquest is to be held.

Murder charge

A man aged 19 has been charged with murdering three-month-old Ryan Masterson-McDaide, from Birmingham, who died from brain injuries. The man, who has not been named, will appear in court this month.

Fatal crash

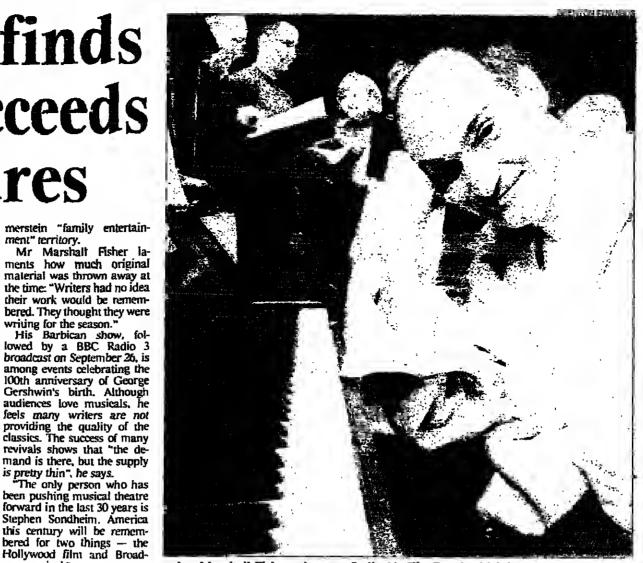
A teenager died and three other passengers were injured when a car crashed into a tree as it drove at high speed around an estate at Firshill. Sheffield. Peter Fletcher, 18. who died from head injuries, was a rear-seat passenger.

Rock fans flee

Rock fans at the Reading Festival were evacuated from a campsite after a firework set light to five haystacks. Arrests during the festival totalled 64. including 22 for supplying drugs. There were 160 reported thefts and four robberies.

On the run

Burglars who broke into a flat belonging to Paul Simmons in Banbury, Oxfordshire, got away with a bag of prunes and two bottles of home-made prune wine while ignoring a video recorder, computer, printer and television.



Ian Marshall Fisher rehearses Strike Up The Band, which bombed in the 1920s

LET'S PUT ON THE SHOW RIGHT HERE

Musical classics successfully revived recently include: Carousel: Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1945 musical was revived in December 1992 at the National Theatre where it did extremely well, playing to 98 per cent capacity for 130 performances. Was described as "the hottest ticket in London". After a West End transfer it went to New York.

Chicago: Kander and Ebb's satirical tale of murder, corruption, adultery and treachery. Revived last autumn. starring Use Lemper and Ruthie Henshall, at the Adelphi in London. Named Best Musical at the London Critics Awards. Sold out every evening since it opened in November. Guys and Dolls: Frank Loesser's musical take on Damon Runyon's world was premiered in New York in 1950. Revived in 1996 by the National.



to acclaim, with Imelda Staunton, above, as Miss Adelaide. A Little Night Music: Sondheim musical revived in September 1995 with Dame Judi Dench, who was showered with awards for it. Ran for 21) performances, playing to 90 per cent capacity. Numbers include Send in the Clowns. Oklahoma! Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, first produced in 1943 and revived in London last month by the National, with Maureen Lipman. The Times's review asked whether there had ever been a higher standard of dance in any subsidised theatre. Sold out until the run ends on October 3. May transfer to West End.



Show Boat: Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein musical which has been described as one of the greatest all-singing, all-hoofing shows of the century, Revised in London last May, at the Prince Edward Theatre, by an American company that had won Tony awards with it on Broadway last year. One critic said of the revival, in which Michel Bell played Joe: "Showboat is a musical that

leaves you feeling better about life while also sending you home with a lump in your throat." Closes on September 19: has taken over £4 million since April.

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IRA statement a PR ploy, say Unionists

A STATEMENT by the IRA con-demning the Omagh bomb, demanding the Real IRA's disbandment and admitting the executions of the so-called disappeared" was dismissed by Unionists yesterday.

They pointed out that it rejected decommissioning and offered no confirmation that the war was over. They called it a public relations ploy ahead of President Clinton's visit and said it did nothing to facilitate Sinn Fein's inclusion in Northern Ireland's new government this autumn.

The IRA's call was welcomed by Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, but she regretted that the statement offered no

Martin Fletcher reports on reaction to republicans' condemnation of the Omagh bombing by Real IRA hypocrisy". It was being "lauded as a peace statement, but there is an movement on disarmament. David

Trimble, Northern Ireland's First Minister, said: "It is simply not good enough that the republican movement should expressly refuse to say that the war is over and that, they are refusing to meet their obligations under the [Good Friday| agreement."

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist Party's security spokesman, said the stalement, issued late on Sunday night, was "about the ownership and control of militant republicanism". Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party's justice spokesman, condemned its "sheer

implicit threat to the Real IRA that if they don't disband they will be sorted out in the usual manner of a bullet behind the ear".

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, welcomed the statement's "positive tone". Another Sinn Fein official characterised it as an "attempt to be helpful". He highlighted its support for the peace process, claiming that Unionists were simply trying to stall with their demands for disarmament and "war-is-over" statements.
The statement also received a

McKendry, a spokesman for Families of the Disappeared, whose mother-in-law was abducted by the IRA in 1972 after she comforted a wounded British soldier.

He accepted the IRA might be "hazy" about the precise locations of bodies buried more than 20 years ago but urged it to pass whatever information it had to the RUC with its state-of-the-art equipment for recovering lost bodies. The families were not seeking prosecutions, he said. He said Sinn Fein and the IRA could do more to find the graves but had finally

cautious welcome from Seamus realised that "you can't go down the democratic path with hidden bodies ut your baggage".

At least a dozen people were spirited away during the 1970s for offences" ranging from informing to petty theft and their bodies were allegedly disposed of in fields and building sites. Most were ordinary Roman Catholics but one was Robert Nairac, an SAS captain captured while working undercover in South Armagh in 1977.

The statement came in the form of an interview with an IRA "spokesperson" to be published in An Phoblacht, the republican

newspaper, on Thursday. Unionists claimed it was released early to relieve the pressure on the IRA before President Clinton's visit but republican sources suggested the timing was designed primarily to deepen the rifts within the Real IRA as it debates whether to call a

permanent ceasefire. The statement said the Omagh bomb was aimed "at the peace process in general, and at Sinn Fein's peace strategy in particular". The result was a human disaster that had damaged the republican cause. The Real IRA "should disband and they should do so

spokesman ruled out decommissioning but insisted the IRA shared "the desire of the vast majority of Irish people to see the Good Friday

document deliver on its potential". He admitted the IRA had caused "incalculable anguish and pain" by executing and burying some of the "disappeared" and said a special unit had been working since last autumn to trace the bodies. The families would be notified immediately of the results.

☐ John McNamara, 36, a builder, was remanded in custody by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday on a charge connected with an attempt by the Real IRA to bomb the Grand National in April.

Disappeared, presumed dead

By Martin Fletcher, chief ireland correspondent

THERE may be scores of "disappeared" whose families dare not speak out, or cling to the illusion that their loved ones were exiled. The known "disappeared"

☐ Jean McConville, a widowed mother of len children who was abducted from her West Belfast flat in 1972 after she had comforted a dying British soldier.

☐ Seamus Wright and Kevin McKee, executed in 1972 for being informers. The deaths were kept secret because they were from prominent republican families in West Belfast. They are believed to be buried in fields in South Armagh.

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McKee's execution was allegedly wit-nessed by a priest who administered the

☐ John McIlroy and Seamus Wright, suspected informers from Andersonslown in West Belfast who disappeared on their way to work in 1974.

☐ Columba McVeigh, a 17-year-old from Dungannon in Co Tyrone, abducted and killed in 1975 for suspected collaboration with security forces.

☐ John McClory. 18, and Brian McKinney, 22, petty criminals from Andersonstown, were abducted from

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☐ Gerald Evans, an unemployed painter from staunchly republican Crossmaglen in South Armagh, who did not toe the IRA's line. He was last seen hitch-hiking home from Castleblaney.

☐ Charlie Armstrong, Evans's 55-yearold neighbour in Crossmaglen, left to collect a friend for Mass one Sunday in 1980 and was never seen again.

☐ Eugene Simmons, 23, left a New Year's party in Castlewellan, Co Down, in 1981 with a group of men. Three years later a man walking a dog found his body in a bog with a bullet hole in the temple. He was a suspected informer.

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New laws will target homes of **bombers**

BY NICHOLAS WATT POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

POLICE on both sides of the Irish border will be given powers to seize the financial assets of terrorists outside the peace process under the emergency legislation to be rushed through the British and Irish parliaments this week.

Republicans who planted the Omagh bomb could lose their houses if police can prove that they were used in the preparation of the bombing. The measure, which is to be included in the anti-terrorist Bill that will be published in draft form this afternoon, is designed to close a loophole in the law that gives police the power to seize the assets of drug dealers but not of

Four dissident terrorist groups will be listed in the Bill, which is to be piloted through Parliament tomorrow and on Thursday. Members of the Real IRA, the Continuity IRA, the Irish National Liberation Army and the Loyalist Volunteer Force could be jailed for up to ten years for membership of a terrorist organisation on the word of a senior police officer. The Bill does not list terrorist groups such as the IRA whose political wings signed up to the Good Friday agreement.

Downing Street moved yesterday to head off a backbench revolt from Labour MPs who are concerned that rushing through legislation is a kneejerk reaction. Tony Blair wrote to every Labour MP

explaining that the measures were carefully designed to crack down on dissident terrorists who want to wreck the peace process. A Downing Street spokesman also made clear that terrorist suspects could not be Tou. convicted solely on the word of a police officer. Judges in Ulster's non-jury courts will consider other evidence. President Clinton with Mike Sullivan, his choice for Ambassador to Ireland, in 1995 Here's £25

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Clinton chooses friend in stetson as Dublin envoy

By Our Chief Ireland Correspondent

Wyoming who has never set foot in Ireland has been nominated by President Clinion as America's Ambassador

Mr Clinton, who will visit the Irish capital on Friday, chose his friend Mike Sullivan. a Roman Catholic of Irish descent, to replace Jean Kennedy Smith over several better-known Irish-Americans with mure obvious interest in trish affairs.

Mr Sullivan. 58, whose nomination must be approved by the Senate foreign affairs committee, was one of the first governors to back Mr Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign, but at Mr Clinton's request he stood down to run for the Senate in 1994 and was defeated in that year's Repub-lican landslide. He has insisted he did not ask for the Dublin post and that Mr Clinton "knows he doesn't owe me anything".

Mr Sullivan, who is recuperating after major surgery,

FORMER governor of is a popular lawyer from Casper. Wyoming, who won the governorship in 1986 in his first political campaign ed in 1990. He intends 10 wear his stetson cowboy hat in Dublin because, he says, "I would be lost without having

> Mrs Kennedy Smith leaves her post next month after five controversial years during which she used her influence with the President to win concessions for Sinn Fein that infuriated London.

Mr Sullivan will also have access to the President but acknowledged Mrs Kennedy Smith would be a hard act to follow. "I followed some of her accomplishments and 1 understand how difficult that will be but I think that's to her credit and I will just do the very best I can," he said.

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Serbs' guns rain death on Kosovo forest of refuge

THERE are brains and ba-bies' bootees lying on the forest floor outside Senik; a human scalp, locks of hair and gore in the shrapnel-torn

"We knew that the Serbs might shell our village and enter it to loot and burn, said Jakup Zulfaj as he halted his search for the missing corpse of a 13-month-old child, "but we thought that we would be safe in the forest and that they would not attack the civil-

Twenty-eight miles south-west of Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, the Albanians of Senik, their numbers swollen to more than 4,000 by an influx of refugees from more than 30 other villages, paid dearly for their presumption of sanctuary in the woodland beyond their homes.

Having first shelled their houses last Thursday, a column of Serb troops took up position on a ridge overlooking a crucible-shaped valley on the outskirts of the village. It was packed with civilians who had fled there three days earlier when they first noticed armoured vehicles gathering at an agricultural airfield

across a distant plain.
The Serbs shelled the valley in a leisurely fashion throughout the afternoon, the night and the following morning.

Aside from the human remains pasted up and down the slopes, the moments of terrified pandemonium that fol-lowed the first incoming Serb shells are still visible in the charred panoply of strewn clothing and shoes, shredded sacks of flour and burnt-out tractors, metal meited by the heat of phosphorous grenades

> WORLD SUMMARY

Cantonese

replaces

English Hong Kong. Most child-

ren returning to school here today face lessons in a different language (Jill McGivering writes).

A new government rul-ing means that three out of

four secondary schools will now teach solely in Cantonese, the Chinese di-

alect used by most of the population. Previously most secondary schoolchil-

dren were taught in

English. When the move was

announced last year, many schools launched appeals,

but only 114 of more than

Floods strand

Dhaka: More than ten

million people stranded by

floods throughout Bangla-desh are in need of imme-

diate supplies if they are to

survive, the International

Red Cross in Geneva has

said. The United Nations

has supported the country's appeal for hundreds of millions of dollars of

outside aid to cope with the two-month crisis in which

500 people have died, 84 from epidemics in the

overcrowded refugee

Threats close

US embassies

Accra: The United States

closed its embassies in the

West African nations of

Ghana and Togo because

of security threats, officials

said. They also advised the

public to steer clear of

official American facilities

in Ghana Security had

already been tightened in

Accra after the August 7

bombings of American

embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed 258

Cyprus offered

Nicosia: Rauf Denktas.

the Turkish Cypriot lead

Cypriots to accept a con-

federation of two states on

Cyprus as the only way to

solve the island's long-

running problem (Michael

Theodoulou writes). The

offer marked a radical departure from the United

Nations-sponsored federal

has called on Greek

two-state deal

people. (AP)

400 were successful.

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Albanian women and children are being targeted by Belgrade's heavily armed forces, reports Anthony Loyd from Senik

> ilies. "Our fortune was to live," he said without convic-

> tion, his eyes full of shock and

grief, "but my mother and sister died."

on Senik. Sandwiched be-

tween Serbian police and

army units who control the

roads and surrounding hills,

its people have returned to

their homes as they feel they

have only two choices. "How can the Serbs not return

here?" asked Ragip Zekolli.

There is no escape for us now.

The weather has been bad and

the rains have come. It would

be hard for us to flee now. It is

better to die in our homes than

in the forest."

A bleak fatalism has settled

used by the infantry that on Friday walked down from the ridge to follow up the bomhardment by destroying anything and everything that was left. Every single vehicle and cart, packed with household belongings and supplies to ensure the survival of the villagers, many of whom were on the move for the third or fourth time since the conflict began in the spring, was

destroyed. Seventeen people perished. The youngest was a two-weekold baby, the oldest a 75-yearold woman. The 47 wounded that have so far been accounted for include, according to a witness, a mother whose hands were blown off when the child she was cradling was killed in her arms.

The accounts from survivors come from a time of absolute horror. When the mortars started falling I was on a slope with my family." said Fatima Ramaj, 48, who lost eight of her immediate family in the onslaught. "I saw my grandson sprawled on the ground without his head. We hid under the tractors, but they too were being hit with bullets and shrapnel."

Lying beneath a dirty blanket beside his seven-year-old brother, who like him has been wounded in the head, Blerim, a boy of 13, is among those who are still in shock at losing members of their fam-



Diggers find home of Polo 'the liar'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME RESTORATION work on a

theatre near the Rialto Bridge in Venice has uncovered what is believed to be the 13thcentury house of Marco Polo. The discovery was made during renovation of the 17thcentury Malibran Theatre. Antonio Foscari, the architect in charge of the project, said it was a Venetian tradition that the house of Marco Polo, the celebrated 13th-century traveller and spinner of far-fetched tales, was "somewhere in the

"Gondoliers often point out a small house next to the Malibran Theatre as Marco Polo's," he said. "The oral tradition turns out to be broadly correct, but our evidence is that it was a susptantial building, and that its remains lie beneath the present theatre". Signor Foscari said workers had found a courtyard with a well. at its centre, storehouses and the ruins of a colonnaded arcade. Deeper down they dug up artefacts dating from

the Roman era The whereabouts of the Polo family house have long been the subject of speculation, with attention focusing on the Corte del Milione, a complex of connecting courtyards and palaces on the intersection of two small canals, the San Giovanni Crisostomo and the Santa Marina. The name Corte del Milione derives from Marco Polo's unkind nickname,

"Polo of the Million Lies". The Polo family were wellknown merchants in 13thcentury Venice, and Marco's journeys in Central Asia and the Far East between 1271 and 1295 eventually led to publication of The Travels of Marco

Signor Foscari said the Polouncovered foundations are consistent with Marco Polo's will, which reveals him to have been a "man of substantial means, though not fabulously wealthy". Officials said the restoration work would be suspended while excavations



the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961. The picture is one of 22 to be hung around the Potsdamer Platz in the run-up to the opening of a new business centre there

East German coach guilty of giving swimmers steroids

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

yesterday found guilty of administering performance enhancing drugs to young female athletes. Rolf Gläser only received a fine of £2,400 but the verdict is regarded as a breakthrough for prosecutors who are trying to unravel the steroid training methods used to make East Germany a

major sporting power. Gläser, 58, confessed during the trial, enabling the prosecutor to drop demands for a prison term. The coach, who headed Austria's team for the world championships this year, has been told that the conviction would mean the loss of his job.

Dr Dieter Binus, 59, who worked with Gläser as club doctor at SC Dynamo, an elite club sponsored by the Interior Ministry, was yesterday fined

Both men were among the first to try out the blue pills concocted by the chemists of the Leipzig Institute of Physical Culture and Sport. These growth hormones were swal-

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ONE of the top swimming as 12 as part of a programme coaches in East Germany was to strengthen their upper body muscles.

The prosecutor has now established the principle that a coach supervising an underage athlete has to shoulder legal responsibility even if he or she is just implementing a policy agreed at highest levels.



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Duma plays Russian roulette with Yeltsin

THE Russian parliament's over-whelming rejection of Viktor Chernomyrdin's nomination as Prime Minister yesterday threatened to prolong the current political crisis for another fortnight and to do further damage to the country's aiready badly weakened economy.

As members of the Duma, the lower house of the parliament, took it in turns to savage Mr Chernomyrdin's record in office and to repeat calls for President Yeltsin to be dismissed. Russians resigned

ANALYSIS By Richard Beeston

ed power struggle between the

executive and the legislature. Under Russia's Constitution, the President can nominate a candidate for Prime Minister who must then be approved by both houses of the parliament. The Duma, dominated by Communist and nationalist factions, has traditionally caused the Kremlin the most trouble. However, if the lower

Although his policies did not change, many parliamentarians switched their votes, partly because of the "sweeteners" offered by

Only five months ago there were

similar scenes in the debating chamber when the nomination of

Sergei Kiriyenko was widely reject-

ed and his nomination process

dragged out for three weeks until

he won his majority on the final

elections are called.

house does not approve a candidate Kremlin lobbyists, but also because most members feared that they by the third vote, parliament is would lose their seats if they were immediately dissolved and fresh forced to go to the polls early.

The conventional wisdom in Russia today is that the country is being treated to a similar bout of political theatrics - with one critical difference. In April a delay of a few weeks in forming the Government did not matter; now. however, every minute lost could hurt the country's economy.

The message we are trying to get across to the Russians is that stability is vitally important for

defending the economy," a Western diplomat said. They have to move quickly to form a Government, choose an economic team and set out policies.

The timing is particularly impor-tant since the next tranche of International Monetary Fund loans, worth \$4.3 billion (£2.5 billion), is due to be transferred by the middle of the month, that is, at the same time that the final round of voting on Mr Chernomyrdin's candidacy would be due.

The purpose of the Duma's delaying tactic is twofold. The

squeeze out of the Kremlin, which at the weekend already offered to transfer to parliament presidential powers in selecting some members

of the Cabinet. The alternative for the Duma is to drag out the battle as long as possible to hamper the functioning of the Government and hope that the worsening economic situation will provoke a fresh crisis, possibly leading to government reshuffles. civil strife or the ultimate prize the toppling of Mr Yeltsin.

The last could be a high-risk option, however, since he has made it clear that he intends to see out his term in office until 2000. And some members of the current parliament remember only too well what happened the last time they challenged the Kremlin leader, in

October 1993 — he used tanks to smash their uprising. The Russian leader may be older. sicker and weaker, but he still has political cunning and remains a match for any of the parliamentary leaders who took part in yesterday's debate.

Financial turmoil wreaks havoc on new middle class

WHILE Russia's super-rich have their money safely in foreign bank accounts, and the very poor have for so long relied on the barter system that the value of the rouble scarcely affects them, the emerging middle class has been hardest hit by the country's financial crisis.

These are the people teachers, lawyers, economists, accountants and the like who, after having their modest Soviet-era incomes wiped out by the hyperinflation of 1991-1992, have spent the past six years adapting to the new

In some cases they have managed not merely to survive but to benefit, reaching

Hard-won riches were held in 'safe' rouble accounts,

Robin Lodge in Moscow reports

levels of affluence unthinkable in the old days. On summer evenings they are particularly

visible. The parks are full of well-dressed families, the children weaving through the crowds on shiny in-line skates or mountain bikes, the parents proudly filming their activities

withdrawals.

on flashy Japanese camcorders. Everything they wear and almost everything they eat and drink is imported. Their flats are filled with Italian furniture; they watch foreign videos on their imported television sets. Once or twice a year they 'toliday

These are not the malia rich: they are simply people who seized the opportunity created by the free market to work hard and make money. There are not very many of them and they are to be found only in the bigger cities; most are in

They are still too few to have political power or influence over government policy, but this does not mean they are unimportant. On the contrary, their very existence has been one of the Yeltsin era's few

Until the rouble fell, their future seemed secure, and it was no longer crucial to convert every pay packet into dollars and then change it back as you needed it. The dubious pyramid schemes and shaky investment houses had apparently all collapsed. The surviving banks were, it seemed, safe places to put your money, and could moreover provide plastic cards lor convenient shopping and cash

avoid the extremes of import.

The scheme was a huge success. Last year Mr Tarasov bought a bigger flat, closer to the city centre, a second car for Lyudmila, his wife, and pri-

weather the crisis for a few Others are more concerned

about their immediate needs,

6 These are not mafia rich; they are simply people who seized the chance to work hard and make money ?

in the United Arab Emirates. Now he is in despair. "I can't get the money out to go on another trip, and even if I do I

Raisa Burakova has an official job teaching English at a Moscow institute for which she is paid a pittance. Her main income comes from privale lessons, in particular to the staff of a large foreign

bank account - and to make matters simpler, she put her other savings into the same account. Two weeks ago she agreed to pay a builder 3,000 roubles to decorate her flat. Now be is demanding 5,000. By the time she can get her money out, probably after another two weeks, the price could be even higher.

ever, insisted on paying into a

If the Russian Government can somehow draw up a credible plan to rescue the rouble and restore some confidence in the economy, the new middle class might just survive. But for many it will mean starting all over again.

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In the absence of a Prime

Minister or a Government, no official working in an acting

capacity is in a position to state

what Russia's policy will be.

Even Mr Yeltsin, who has come close to giving up some of his powers to parliament to

get Mr Chernomyrdin's ap-

pointment through the Duma,

Mr Chernomyrdin is highly

respected in Washington as an

experienced politician who

survived for six years, but US

officials will be concerned that

any deal with the Duma will

involve abandoning some of

the pro-market principles that

have held sway throughout

Diplomats said yesierday they were not looking for any breakthroughs or major

agreements. It will be more a

summit of photo-opportunioes

than substance. For Mr

America

refuses to

show panic

States reacted with studied

calm to the Russian parliament's refusal to confirm

Viktor Chernomyrdin as

Prime Minister, adding fur-

ther uncertainty as President

Clinton arrived in Moscow for

talks (Bronwen Maddox

The Duma's action was a

matter of internal delibera-

tions, said a US official, "and we don't comment on another

country's internal affairs". It

was in accord with the Rus-

sian constitution and "reflects

President Clinton promised

again that, if Russia struggled

back to the path of economic

reform, the US would support

it. Speaking to students at his

last public meeting in America

before the three-day Moscow

summit, he said: "We have an

obligation to help them and it

is in our interests to help

them." The US was concerned

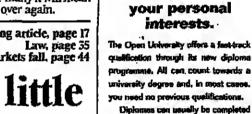
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Viktor Chernomyrdin addressing the lower house of parliament yesterday before it overwhelmingly rejected him as Prime Minister

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Rouble falls on the Big Mac Index

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almost every case involving imported goods, find their

supply costs have rocketed and many will go under. Those planning a late summer holiday in the Mediterranean will have to make do with autumnal walks at the dacha - that is, if they can take time Andrei Tarasov had worked

for ten years as a skilled fitter on the ZiL lorry assembly line when he decided in 1994 to give it all up and go into business. The previous year he had taken the train to Berlin and bought himself a secondhand Volkswagen Golf. Back in Moscow he sold it for twice what he paid for it. Two trips a month and he would be making serious money, even after the necessary payments to

vate English lessons for Tanya, his daughter, aged eight. The family went on a twoweek holiday to a luxury hotel

company. The company, how-

Vacuum at top leaves little

market reforms.

BY ROBIN LODGE

THE State Duma's rejection of Viktor Chernomyrdin means President Yeltsin will have no good news for President Clinton when he arrives in Moscow today. It will also leave the American side rather short of people to talk to during the

two-day summit. Both leaders are hoping to gain from the visit. For Mr Clinton, it is a welcome distraction from the Monica Lewinsky scandal and a chance to display his statesmanly abilities. For Mr Yeltsin, the talks are an opportunity to show that he is still in charge and recognised as such by the leader of the most

powerful country in the world. Konstantin Zatulin, director of the Institute for Studies on CIS Countries, told the Interfax news agency that he believed both Presidents would use the summit to improve their images and strengthen their positions. "Clinton, whose image has

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to do but polish images

recently become associated with easy flirtation, will show concern and Americans will see him as a kind of strict controller of democracy in Russia," he said. "For Yeltsin, the meeting will be a certification that the heads of leading powers still consider him the

Had he been able to secure Mr Chernomyrdin's appointment, Mr Yeltsin would have been able to claim that Russia had taken at least one step back from the brink of disaster. Even without any decisive action on the economic front, the easing of the political crisis would have helped to calm the fears about

the country's future. As it is, it will be hard for Mr Clinton to find anyone in Moscow qualified to give him the assurances he is looking for that Russia will keep to the

Yeltsin, that makes it no less important. Any show of sup-port can only benefit him. austerity policies advocated by Lebed warning on

By RICHARD BEESTON

ALEKSANDR LEBED, the presidential hopeful and Governor of Krasnoyarsk, yesterday came to the defence of Viktor Chernomyrdin, saying the embattled acting Prime Minister was the only man capable of halting Russia's slide into chaos.

OPPOSITION

In the latest sign of an informal alliance between the former army general and the veteran Prime Minister, Mr Lebed gave a warning that the military was restless and the Government on the verge of

collapse.
The Government could collapse in 24 hours. Every-one is fed up," the outspoken former Afghan War veteran told Le Figaro, the French newspaper. "Chernomyrdin has a tiny chance to slow down the collapse, but he has a chance. The others don't."

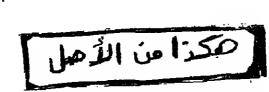


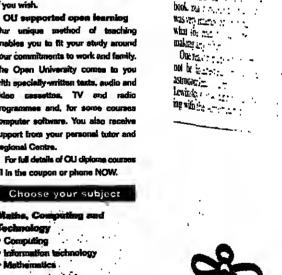
firmed suspicions in Moscow that the two men, with the backing of Boris Berezovsky. the billionaire businessman, have formed an informal alliance. But Mr Lebed predicted that time was running out and that the military's patience would not last forever and it was in "revolution-



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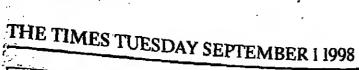
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John Howard: fears gains by One Nation

Australian parties sound racist alarm

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

FOUR former Australian Prime Ministers moved to quell the growing influence of Pauline Hanson's One Nation party yesterday by signing an open letter urging voters not to support racist candidates in next month's general election, which was called on Sunday by the

Prime Minister, John Howard. In an expression of concern at the maverick politician's groundswell of popular support in recent months, the three former Labor leaders and one Liberal warned Australians of the "unmiogated evil" of racism and urged them to put One Nation candidates last on the ballot paper on October 3.

The former Liberal Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, and Labor's Gough Whitlam, Bob Hawke and Paul Keating said racism was destructive and had no place in a mulocultural society. "It is immor-al." they said. "It does Australia significant harm through Asia and in the wider world.

We know politicians often need to adjust policy to take into account differing views. Racism, however, is a different matter, it is beyond

racism became part of the body politic it would grow in a violent and tragic manner.

Last night Mr Hawke said it was time for Ms Hanson to be put back where she belonged - "in the backwaters". He said: "We hoped that Australians would see that we weren't seeking to advance any partisan cause, but to ask Australians to realise they would be doing a great disservice to their country if they were to give any support to Ms Hanson and One Narion."

But the woman whose policies have seemingly united all her political foes was not impressed by her critics, whom she branded a "bunch of has-beens". She said: Too many people in politics and former Prime Ministers have looked_after themselves for far too long. They've forgotten about the real reasons why they were voted in. My main concern is for Australia and for the Australian people."

In truth, the woman the other policical parties love to hate could not be happier with all the criticism. Such controversy in the run-up to

compromise." They said that once the election is just what the former fish-and-chip shop owner wants. The more violent the protests against her, the greater the sympa-

thy from the electorate. Yesterday she published her election itinerary, and with the television news dominated by images of students and left-wing activists trying to prevent freedom of speech at her nightly rallies, Ms Hanson will capitalise on the "fair go" principle beloved of most

As her senior adviser, David Oldfield, put it: "Australians don't like to see fellow Australians being treated like that, they think our country is in the hands of ruffians and anarchists."

Ms Hanson's first big day will be on Thursday, when the party reveals its taxation package. At this stage she has also ruled out making a deal with any of the main parties. But there is little doubt the big players will be forced to deal with her if she wins the balance of power. "They know very well that in the

Mr Oldfield predicted.



Missile tested by North **Koreans**

Washington: US and Japa-nese officials expressed dismay last night after North Korea test-fired a new missile. the second stage of which flew across northeast Japan and fell in the Pacific (fan Brodie writes). The first stage fell into waters between Japan and

Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, who was visiting Sarajevo, said she was alarmed by the test launch. She promised the US delegation would raise the issue with the North Koreans at talks under way in New York.

Indicating its displeasure. Japan refused to back a longplanned agreement to help with funds for two reactors to provide nuclear energy for North Korea. "We see this as a very dangerous act," said Hiromu Nonaka, chief gov-

ernment spokesman in Tokyo.
It was North Korea's first
test-firing for five years and
only the fourth since 1984. The unarmed missile was a new Daepodong I, with a maximum range of 1,240 miles.

Lewinsky ready to sell her story for 'no less than \$10m'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

parently ready to tell all about her trysts with President Clinton - but only at a price.

According to one account
Marcia Lewis, her mother,
has persuaded her that her story is worth \$10 million (£6 million) and that she should not accept anything less. The New York Post reports that her collaborator would be Ms Lewis herself. She is a former Beverly Hills gossip writer and author of a kiss and tell about the Three Tenors.

Ms Lewinsky, 25, has complained of being hard up since the scandal broke last January and of relying on handouts from her divorced

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New York publishers have her book. Nobody has ever been given such a big ad-vance, and Ms Lewinsky is not about to become the first, said Judith Regan, head of Regan Books. She denied a report that she had offered Ms Lewinsky \$2 million for a book, but conceded that she was very interested in bearing what she had to say before making any offer.

One reason publishers may not be interested in paying astronomical sums is Ms Lewinsky's low approval rating with the American public,

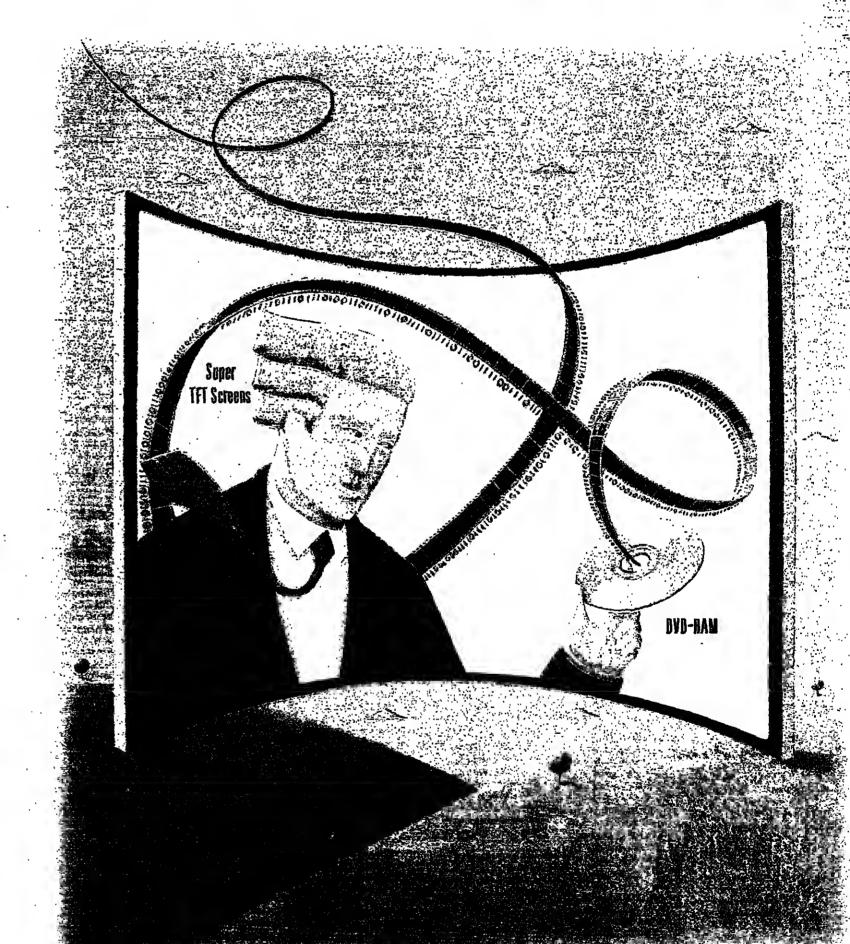
MONICA LEWINSKY is ap- Ms Regan said. Her book must be more than an account of sex romps in the White House by an "immature groupie". It would need her reflections on redeeming her-self and a feel for bow she sees

her place in history.

Ms Regan thought it would be a mistake for Ms Lewinsky's mother to be involved in the writing, because no moththe writing, because no mother could interview her daughter about her sex life with the candour the book would require, adding: "She must have a serious ghost writer." Ms Regan's organisation is a division of HarperCollins Publishers, part of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times.

Yesterday's flurry of reports Yorker, which claimed that an undisclosed publisher had faxed Ms Lewinsky an offer of \$6 million. If true, that would match the highest advance for a single book by an American author, which was paid to General Colin Powell, whose autobiography My American Journey was a bestseller.

The only firm public offer made to Ms Lewinsky for her story so far is \$1 million from Phil Bunton, the British-born editor of the Star supermarker tabloid. He is still waiting for an answer.



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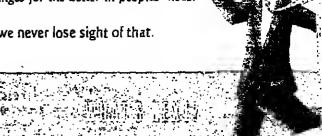
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Have we finally reached the limit of life?

The first study of premature babies could help parents. Anjana Ahuja reports

aby Emma (not her real name) will not be leaving Homerton Hospital, a vast modern building in East London, for quite some time. Born last week weighing less than a bag of sugar, she is one of the newest residents of its special care baby unit. Doctors do not know if this scrap of humanity, whose limp body shudders with every breath, will live. Her eyes are fused, her skin is translucent and she could almost be held in the hand. She looks more like a newly born kitten than a baby teetering between life and death.

Doctors can only guess at her chances of surviving; her parents can only hope that their child will be one of the fortunate ones. The problem is, nobody really knows how lucky Emma will have to be to pull through. There are no solid statistics to prop up a doctor's predictions or temper parents' expectations — and even after initial survival, parents do not know whether their child will go on to develop a major disability.

This heartbreaking state of uncertainty looks set to change with the publication of the first nationwide study to gauge the survival rate of the most premature babies. Co-ordinated by some of the country's most respected paediatricians, the first findings from the EPI-Cure study will be presented

next Monday at a conference organised by the charity, Tommy's Campaign, to mark National Pregnancy Week.

The report shows that while most premature babies will make it, those at the "limit of viability", under 26 weeks old at birth, have a bleaker future than experts believed. "For ba-bies below 24 weeks old the survival figures are lower than a lot of my colleagues thought," says Kate Costeloe, Professor of Paediatrics at St Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry and consultant neonatal paediatrician at Homerton, who chaired the steering committee on the study and will present it.

The results should be used, she suggests, to provide more information to parents and to guide planning of high-risk maternity services. In future, it may be appropriate to cen-tralise care of the most prema-ture babies to test whether medical science has reached its limits here or whether ultra-specialised care could give them a better chance.

Normal gestation is 40 weeks; birth at or before 37 weeks is defined by the World Health Organisation as premature. However, the babies at greatest risk are those born before 26 weeks' gestation. All such infants born in the UK and Ireland between March and December 1995 were scru-



A question of survival: Professor Kate Costeloe, of St Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry, with a premature infant in a special care baby unit

tinised for the study. Of more than 4,000 births of babies under 26 weeks, 837 were offered intensive care. The rest were either stillborn, failed to respond to resuscitation or deemed to be beyond help. Of those 837 babies, 315 survived. However, there was a marked difference for babies born before 24 weeks and those at 25 weeks. Fewer than one in five babies under 24 weeks old survived, whereas more than half of those born after at least one additional week's gestation

pulled through. The matter is complicated by the fact that the decisions about which babies are viable are shaped not by national guidelines but are left to doctors in consultation with parents. Paediatricians will assess the baby's chances of living before placing him or her in intensive care (gestation, birthweight and responsiveness are important predictors of survival). Fewer live-born 23-weekold babies will be offered care

25-week-old infants

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("scraps of ounces can make a huge difference." Profes-'Parents sor Costeloe says). Occasionally, as shown by the resurprised cent case of a doctor in Scotland, this can lead to specialwhen we

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cient efforts to save a life, "Survival be-

fore 23 weeks is more' rare, and there were only two babies on our database of that age at birth," she says, "In at least one of those cases, the age is disputed. It is more like 23 weeks old. How-

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sive care but, of those, only one in five pulled through. Those survivals are the exceptions. It practically never happens. The important thing for parents of such premature infants to understand is that even if their baby is live-born

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may not be offered intensive care. It may even live a few be offered it, because we think it doesn't stand a chance. Of all the babies put on ventilators, more than 70 per cent die in the first week,"

The problem, she suggests, is that parents often have rosy expecta-tions, fuelled by reports of "miracle babies".

"I think that having a prema-ture baby in a special care baby unit is one of the most distressing things that can bap-pen to you," says Professor Costeloe, who has two grownup children. "A lot of parents are surprised when we cannot do more for their child. The thing is, you don't hear about the ones that don't make it. Then the parents feel let down because their baby didn't receive masses of intensive care.

On the other hand, some parents are terrified that, if we salvage their baby, it will have terrible problems. I think most parents want to feel their child was given a chance."

born alive at 25 weeks more than 90 per cent are given the chance of life. The EPICure study, funded by Serono Laboratories (UK) Ltd, a pharmaceutical company, and Baby Life Support Systems (Bliss), the baby charity, is still continuing because madiatricians uing because paediatricians want to look at how survivors fare until they reach two-and-a-half. This follow-up will be led by Professor Neil Marlow, from the Queen's Medical Cen-

tre in Nottingham. There is already preliminary data at one year after discharge. Within a year, five of the 315 survivors had died and only 32 were found to be com-pletely healthy. Eighty-seven had some form of major disa-bility, defined as developmental delay (missing mile-stones), signs of cerebral palsy

or oxygen dependency. Fourteen are thought to be blind, and five are deaf.

"It's important to not overinterpret the one-year findings, as it's a difficult age for assessing neurological development are given the hance of life. The EPICure interpret the one-year findings, as it's a difficult age for assessing neurological development." Professor Costeloe says. "We must try to identify factors at birth that could have told us which children were going to have problems later."

> he low survival rates and high incidence of disability do not, Pro-fessor Costeloe says, mean that the NHS is wasting money on trying to save these lives. It costs about £1,000 per day to keep a baby in intensive care, dropping to £200 thereafter. "I hope people don't say we shouldn't be trying to save them and it isn't a sensible way of using money. If we stopped resuscitating babies, it would not make an enormous difference to our budgets. The study should be a starting point for more investiga-tions. If people's perceptions

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are that these outcomes are not good, we must try to work out what makes some babies do better than others." Although the study exposes differences in attitude between

doctors when it comes to admitting premature babies into intensive care, Professor Costeloe thinks national guidelines would not be a good idea. For example, gestational age, the most important predictor of survival, is sometimes under-estimated — a baby may not be as premature as is thought. There is an opinion that guidelines would be a good thing, but these protect doctors who are feeling vulnerable rather than parents or babies. There would also be so many ifs and buts that the guidelines would become restrictive. We should be strong enough to cope with our own decisions."

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tt woold be a foolisbly optimistic woodman who assessed his trees only in high summer, and always worked on the assumption that they would never have to withstand a winter gale. However, in one aspect of the treatment of cardiovascular disease, in recording blood pressure, this s just what doctors may have been advocating for years.
The accepted teaching is

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that a patient's blood pressure should always be taken when be or she is suitably at ease in relaxing surroundings. Even better, it is thought, if patients can take their own blood presor can find some trusted practice nurse to take it at the fa-

coats, stethoscopes and preoccupied expressions so frighten some patients that they induce anxiety, and a rise in blood pressure. This increase is described as white-coat hypertension and is frequently dismissed as being of little importance - merely a sign of an innately nervous patient with a

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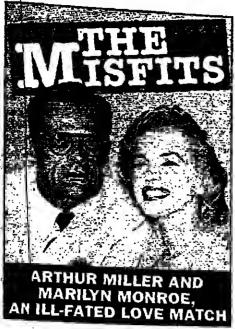
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How Marilyn hooked Miller



What made the incarnation of sexuality fall in love with the cerebral playwright? In the first extract from her new book Barbara Leaming reveals the remarkable secrets of Miller's notebooks



Miller in his Connecticut workshop in June 1956, a month before the wedding

r was January 1951. Elia Kazan - then probably the most powerful director in America - and the plawright Arthur Miller wee in Los Angeles to set up ther first film together. Kazan tock Miller to the set of As Yong as You Feel to see a girl hehad heard about: Before Miler and Kazan actually sayher, they heard her name. "Marilyn!" an assistant shouted rantically. The 24-year-old actess was forever disappearingrom the set. Worse, when sheeturned, her eyes were oftentwollen from crying, mak- - and say yes to his ings difficult to film her. She dinner invitation. appared at last, her skin-tight blac dress disclosing a body perfet even by Hollywood stanlards. She had blue-grey eyesa turned-up nose and lu-minus white skin. She wore her he blonde hair pinned on top ther head.

Mrilyn Monroe was in crisis. Yhen she finished work on the picture, she had no further ssignments. After today. she had nothing to do and no-wher to go. A career that meanleverything to her might well hover.

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Miler and Kazan watched her stuggle through a scene. Betwen takes, she fled to a dark, leserted sound stage littered with office furniture. When Kazan caught up with her helound her in tears. She returned for another take. When she finished. Miller lookedon as Kazan asked her to dimer. Marilyn said no. and themen went off to the studio cameria.

But Marilyn knew exactly who Kzan was. Now, at a moment then she seemed about

to lose everything, the impor-tant director had walked into her life. On the Fox lot Kazan was known to be casting the film Viva Zapata!, then being written by John Steinbeck. If Marilyn failed to seize the opportunity, it might not present itself again: It didn't matter that she was mentally and physically exhausted. Marilyn, through an act of will, pulled herself out of the mists of the depression that had engulfed her. Soon she was on her way to the studio caleteria. having decided to find Kazan

Marilyn began to spend nights Marilyn interpreted Miller slept alone. By day Miller, Miller's powerfully attract ed to Marilyn himself, swam laps in shyness as the pool in an effort to cool off. Una sign of til, that is, Kazan met another girl and Miller was respect assigned to Mari-

ivn as a substitute escort to a narty. She knew precisely what that meant, of course. She had slept with Kazan, then been passed on to the next guy. When Miller called to say that he would pick her up, Marilyn said it wouldn't be necessary. She would get to the party on her own. To her astonishment, the gravel-voiced Miller insisted.

Soon they were seated on a sofa, Miller leaning slightly towards her. Evelyn Keyes ob-served them there. Miller, utterly absorbed, watched Marilyn as though he were "study-

only like happy girls, kicked off her high-heeled shoes and tucked her slender legs under her. Miller told her about his lyn would not have been surcepted. Instead, he took her big toe in his fingers and

ment Miller again made no move to sleep with

much. Marilyn. used to being pawed by men, in-terpreted his shyness and awkwardness as a sign of respect. No man had ever treated her like that. But Miller held back. He thought

science. He sincerely wanted to do the right thing. How could such a man betray his wife, the mother of his children, the woman who had supported him when he was a struggling writer? Miller, torn, returned to New York the following day.

of himself as a

His departure left Marilyn in a quandary. She told herself that she was in love with Arthur Miller. But it was Kazan who would be staying on. Marilyn couldn't wait to see Miller again but she also didn't want to give up the

ing this phenomenon". After they had talked a while Mariwho believed that men troubles with his wife. Mariprised if he had asked her to come to his room or to the car. Probably she would have ac-

squeezed it gently.

On the way to her apart-

A stack of letters from Miller was accumulating next to his photograph on the shelf above Marilyn's bed. She read by the her very light of a small, goose-necked lamp. Miller remained unhappy at home, where he and his wife were on bad terms. In the months after returning home to New York from

> plays, both featuring a way-ward husband. Marilyn, whom he had known for only a few days, hovered in his thoughts. She remained as much of a fantasy for him as he did for her. In the second work-in-progress Miller wrote about a Marilyn-like woman of free and open sexuality. Lorraine, as he called her, bids men to abandon their wives and children but those who are drawn to her come to an unhappy end. One character leaves his wife for Lorraine, who, faithless, later does the same to him. Another husband, protective of his social posicion, condemns himself to

chance to be cast in one of Ka-

California, Miller started two

less marriage.
Miller wrote to Marilyn that, though he wished her the best, he just wasn't the man to make her life work out as she hoped. But no maner how he tried to put her off, somehow she remained serenely confident that it was only a matter of time before he would leave his wife for her.

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ne did not ordi-narily find Miller at parties. He disliked loud, crowded rooms. When he talked he preferred to do so against a background of silence. Marilyn, dressed all in white, was sipping a cocktail when she spotted him. Miller, 6ft 2in tall, towered over most people in the room. Marilyn realised he was coming towards her.

She hadn't seen him for four years, since January 27, 1951. At the time, Marilyn thought he was going home to work on The Hook and assumed that he would be right back. She had no idea that he had left because he feared what was about to happen between them. She had no idea that so much time would pass before they encountered one another

Marilyn was hardly the person she had been four years previously. Back then she had been an obscure starlet who barely knew whether she had the talent or the strength 10 go on. Today she was a famous movie star, one of the most valuable properties in Holly-

Back then Marilyn had been desperate for publicity. Today she could barely go outside without the press documenting every step. And, in the interim, she had married

and divorced Joe DiMaggio. Miller, at 39, seemed barely to have changed at all. He was

still obsessed with the need to match the success he had had with Death of a Salesman. done that for him and he was about to try again with a new one act play. A View from the Bridge. There was another constant in his life. Although Miller had come to the party alone. he was still very much married.

Yet there could be no denying that the connection between Marilyn and Miller remained strong. She reacted to him with the same fascination she had felt during their strange interlude in Los Angeles. As far as she could see, be was powerfully drawn to her as well. Soon, the two were meeting regularly at her apart-ment whenever he could steal a few hours together. As far as Marilyn was concerned, Miller's reappearance in her life made New York feel like paradise. Marilyn, electric with life, was determined not to let him go again.

At this point few knew of the affair. Arthur, then at work on the production of A View from the Bridge, would stop off to see Manilyn on his way home. At a moment when Miller was preparing to stage a public indictment of the betrayer, he secretly betrayed his wife. His meditations on the topic of infi-

delity in his notebooks and in The 'Such a that it cannot have been easy. Miller was confused, concharming flicted. He valued girl, stability and routine. The anchor of a home life permit-Arthur, ted him to write He adored his chilsaid his dren but couldn't bear to give up Marilyn. father On October 31,

1955, the final decree was granted in Marilyn's divorce from DiMaggio. She was free to

marry again. Soon after his 40th birthday on October 17, 1955, Arthur's wife threw him out of their house in Brooklyn. The nature of his future with Marilyn remained undecided. Both of their lives were changing so rapidly that it was extremely difficult to make plans. Marilyn insisted she didn't want to put any kind of pressure on him - but as anyone could see a permanent commitment from him was precisely what she wanted. Increasingly, marriage to the great writer and a Extracted from Marilyn chance to prove herself as an

Marilyn's dream. There was no question that Arthur seemed different. He had a face that might have been chiselled on Mount Rush-

actress were the two halves of



An intimate moment in Beverly Hills, 1960

The mistake that blew Marilyn's chances with Laurence Olivier

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more. Marilyn loosened him up. She made him grin. He seemed suddenly more tendereyed and accessible. He seemed never to have been more in love with anyone. Arthur, it would be said in the Miller family, had had his train wreck rather late in life.

The odd couple: Monroe and Miller. The playwright once wrote to her saying he was not the man to make her life work out as she hoped it would

Arthur took Marilyn to meet his parents. Isadore and Augusta Miller lived on East 3rd Street, Arthur had long had an uncertain relationship with his illiterate father. Isadore - a tall, striking figure with tremendous physical authority. piercing blue eyes and a large square head - disapproved of Arthur's desire to write. But he

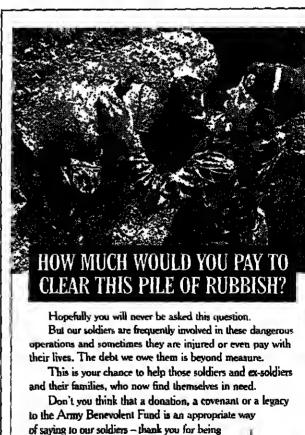
saw things differently when Arthur introduced Marilyn as the girl he planned to marry. "Such a charming girl, Arthur." he said as Marilyn finished her second bowl of marzo-ball soup. She wore a simple grey skirt; a black

silk blouse and no make-up. When the guest declined another Isadore refill. grew alarmed. "You don't like

our matzo-ball soup? "Oh, I love it," said Marilyn, "But gee, isn't there any other part of a matzo you can eat?" From their first meeting,

Marilyn and her future fatherin-law adored each other. Once Arthur had told his parents about his plans. Marilyn found herself on the verge of realising every aspect of what only months before, had seemed an impossible fantasy. That February of 1956 it looked as if she were about to have everything she wanted.

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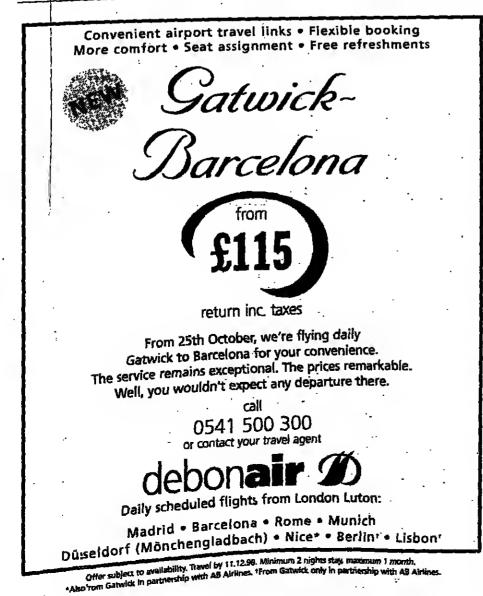


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Saying it with thread

n the bad old days, when women artists were hard to find and embroidery was dismissed at the pastime of housewives, the Serpentine Gallery's international show would have been blasted by male derision. After all, its 17 contributors all employ thread as their principal material. Unlike so many of their contemporaries, who place the latest technological discoveries at the centre of the work they produce, the artists gathered here opt for a defiantly homespun material.

But there is nothing quaint or reactionary about the disparate images in this stimulating survey. Its title, Loose Threads, hints at the unpredictability of individuals who delight in confounding our expectations at every turn. Even Elaine Reichek, whose installation of embroidered samplers dominates the main space, escapes from any attempt to pigeonhole her activities. She calls the 23 samplers When This You See . . ., as if her main aim is an old-fashioned act of remembrance. But the barrage of quota-tions she deploys could hardly be more anarchic. In a single, two-panel work, she juxtaposes the over-familiar adage "A fool and his money are soon parted" with Barbara Kruger's caustic "1 shop therefore I am". They are wrily contrasted, and yet Kruger's feminist satire prompts us to look at the older quotation from a fresh

Reichek refuses to be bound by conventional limits in her array of references, encompassing anything from the Brontes and Moby Dick to Jasper Johns and the World Wide Web. Her images are just as freeroaming, and in a witty, cleverly researched video she pinpoints moments from classic Hollywood movies where heroines as lustrous as Greta Garbo, Olivia de Havilland and Audrey Hepburn all turn out to indulge in a surprising amount of needlework during their encounters with men.

But this is no ghettoised, womenonly exhibition. Among the male contributors, Michael Raedecker stands out. Concentrating on the interiors of minimal suburban houses, he combines acrylic paint with thread to create an aura of suppressed violence. The rooms are: empty, their simplicity impeccable. GALLERIES: Richard Cork on the

Serpentine Gallery show which will

change your perceptions of embroidery

But Raedecker stresses their deso-lation by wielding his needle with virtuoso aggression. From a distance, the splashes of light on some glass windows look lyrical. Closeto, though, they reveal themselves as vicious white strands puncturing the linen surface of the painting.

Anna Hunt shares this fascina-tion with architecture, but she prefers to explore the exteriors of celebrated buildings securely lodged in the modernist canon. Le Corbusier's Villa Savoye, Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water and

Frank Gehry's Guggen-heim Bilbao are all painstakingly simulated by her silken, multicoloured threads. She makes even the starkest structure look strangely cosy, using sensuous luminosity to soften the stripped, angular sobri-ety of the architects she favours. The outcome should look anachronistic, but her work flouts conventions of handicraft so flagrantly

that Hunt ends up with an oddly subversive hybrid. Not that Loose Threads is con-

fined solely to representational exhibits. The liberties enjoyed by abstract artists are embraced as well, and they generate some of the most poignant work on view. Bringing together wire, yarn, thread and artificial flowers, Ava Gerber links them in a looping. relaxed and fragile rhythm. She seems to draw in space, with a melancholy poise reminiscent of Eva Hesse who made a memorable hanging installation with latex over rope, wire and string in 1969-70.

Hesse's interest in unashamed absurdity and lowly, often fugitive materials has links with Lisa Hoke's Heirloom, a brazen extravagance of thread, glue and wax spread across several walls. Its gaudy, gaseous colours look like the residue of an explosion. Flattened against the white surfaces, Heirloom smears and stains its

confined space. It has a toxic, almost nauseating impact, and yet retains an odd feeling of intimacy

as well. Pushing her art to the other extreme, Holly Miller shuns spectacle and favours quiet, immaculate refinement. Just as Agnes Martin hones her grid paintings into models of discreet distillation. so Miller uses acrylic and thread in images as southing as the aptly named Smooth. The placid surface is sliced by stitches, but without a hint of violence. Only the unexpect-

ed breaks in the stitched

lines create tension, and

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The presence of such

potent objects, here at the Serpentine, com-

pares favourably with

other exhibits docu-

menting activities that

It is no longer derided by men as a female pastime

happened far away from the gallery. In the thoughtful catalogue, Lisa Corrin explains the full complex significance of Kim Soo-Ja's "bottari," bundles of festive fabrics tied up with rope. Parting, in her native Korea, is often conveyed by the act of wrapping, especially in funeral rituals. Journeys accentu-ate the notion of farewell, but Soo-Ja's video of trussed "bottari" travelling on a pick-up truck through a coastal landscape seems

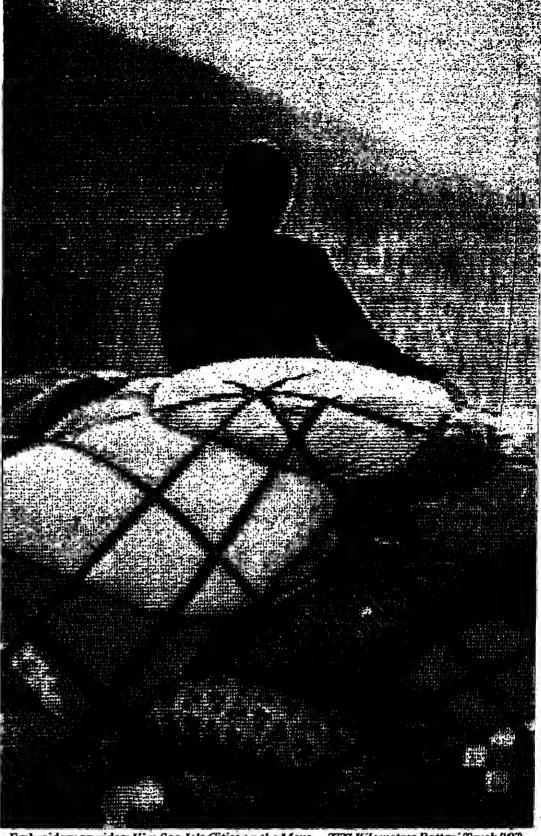
disappointingly humdrum. I felt divorced from the event, and similarly removed from the actions performed in Stockholm by Francis Alys. Small photographs, maps and captions are no substitute, in this instance, for the experience undergone by the artist himself. Wearing a woollen jumper which unravelled as he walked, Alys traversed the streets and left a wavering line of pale blue yarn behind him.

Regina Frank, by contrast, gains immediacy by performing in the gallery. At the heart of her installation, The Glass Bead Game, hangs the "magic mantle" produced by spinning the artist's favourite texts into textiles. Dressed in black, she moves like an elegant sbaman around her space and invites viewers to join in by sharing poems and stories or e-mailing them to her website. Frank regards them as "thread-sentences", and adds them to a "virtual" mantle of "thoughtbeads" on the computer. But the real mantle provides an arresting visual anchor, and she often kneels before it to draw in the sand like an absorbed child on the beach.

he symbolism of the bead, derived in Frank's work from Herman Hesse's novel of the same name, chimes with the plexiglass bubbles in Brigitte Nahon's exhibit. Strung across the window looking on to the Serpentine's lawn, they are suspended by pins on long, dangling threads. Each bubble contains an inverted reflection of the view, bringing the landscape into the gallery. It smacks, once again, of childlike wonder, but offers in the end a far more vulnerable vision than Frank's slow, measured ritual. The bubbles might easily fall from their precarious perches, dashing any illusions about the safety of the world Nahon has

In this respect, she can be related to Tracey Emin, whose appliqued blanket provides at first a nursery-rhyme air of happiness. The artist's name and the work's title, Love Poors are appropried in large pick. Poem, are announced in large pink capitals at the top of the blanket. But the poem itself, in smaller, multicoloured capitals below, soon becomes disturbing. The poet ima-gines her whole body is screaming, and her lover unable to silence it. She feels fragmented to the point of utter obliteration, and yet the poem. concludes by admitting that every smashed particle still belongs to him. The comfort normally associated with a blanket turns out to be useless in the face of such destructive infatuation, as cancerous as the invisible, burrowing worm in William Blake's poem The Sick Rose. This time, no amount of patiently applied thread can alleviate the

◆ Loose Threads at the Scrpentine Gallery (0171-402 6075) until Sept 20



Embroidery on video: Kim Soo-Ja's Cities on the Move - 2727 Kilometres Bottari Truck (197)

PROFESSIONAL writers get infuriated whenever painters, totally inexperienced in the literary arts, decide to take up always prove to write like angels. Possibly painters feel the same way about musicians who take up painting. The show Musicians as Artists at Gallery 27 should offer the perfect opportunity to find out. It includes a couple of big names in terms of jazz and popular music, plus several esser luminaries.

The star, from all points of view, is Miles Davis. Apparently he started painting in 1980, mainly to amuse himself, though his fame as one of the creators of cool jazz meant that from early on his painting received some publicity. He was largely self-taught, and began with primitive figures, but soon moved on to freeform abstraction, though always with a representational base.

against a midnight blue back-ground, is the perfect visual equivalent of Davis's music, while the paintings based on conventionalised human fig-ures show a confident sense of colour composition and an impish humour.

The other real luminary is John Lennon, represented by. among other prints, the seven erotic lithographs from his "Bag One" portfolio which got his London exhibition in January 1970 closed down by the police on its second day. Gallery 27, 27 Cork Street, WI (0171-734 7595), until Sat

■ THE concept of "Nazi Chic" is guaranteed, even today, to make a lot of people feel very uncomfortable. Even if it is relevantly invoked in relation

AROUND THE GALLERIES

New York by Night, with its to Polish New Yorker Pietr at the Photographers' Gallery, the gallery felt worried enough to put out a special disclaimer saying that it has "no intention of glamorising the mile of Mariem". In fact the evils of Nazism". In fact, Uklanski's idea does not seem

particularly political one way or the other. One could well, especially as the installation runs round the walls of the gallery's café, treat it as a Privial Pursuit: check out the

see how many actors anifilms you can identify, and on then look at the list helpfully osted up by the door.

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CHANGING TIMES

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A LAST-MINUTE change of cast raised Glyndebourne's Prom Boccanegra on to an altogether higher level than the performances at the festival proper. There Giancarlo Pasquetto lacked the vocal artillery and stage presence for the title role, leaving a hole at the centre of Verdi's opera. On Saturday Paolo Gavanelli flew in to show just how the part should be sung - and

He is an experienced Boccanegra and stood in for a couple of performances at Coveni Garden a few years ago. But this was far more than a piece of popular show-saving. Gavanelli. sounding much like Bruson in his prime, burrowed through to the heart of the corsair of Genoa. He pointed each word and phrase in a baritone of considerable dynamic range. Boccanegra the ruler and Boccanegra the tortured loner came equally easily to him. His performance, which made it seem that he had been at Glyndebourne all summer. commanded the evening. He is due to appear in Covent Garden's new production of Luisa Miller this coming sea-

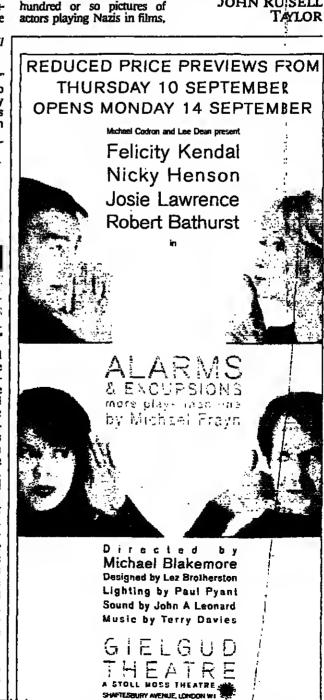
son. Note the name. David Rendall provided a second rescue act. The Simon

Boccanegra Albert Hall/Radio 3

Sylvester, who had left the production after disagreements, was due back for the Prom. He too cancelled and Rendall, who did half the Sussex Boccanegras. answered a second call-up. This was a sporting gesture with his first Otello due at the Coliseum in under a fortnight. On present vocal form it will be well worth hearing.

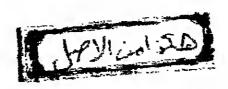
The rest was as in Sussex and very high-class. Elena Prokina's sweet Amelia floated her notes high into the Albert Hall. Alastair Miles was properly patrician as Fiesco and Peter Sidhom stalked the stage with his stick, the essence of villainy. All the principals were dressed in black, appropriate for this most sombre of Verdi operas. Mark Elder was again masterly in the pit, emphasi-sing the darkness of the score as well as its warmth.

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POP: Stephen Dalton enjoys three days of peace, love and a certain tired mediocrity at the Reading Festival

Familiarity breeds content

ounding off a summer season marred cancellations, poor ticket sales and appalling weather, the annual three-day Reading Festival was a pleasingly well-attended affair. If the music on offer leant towards nostalgia and familiar faces, this was more an indictment of a moribund music scene, with its dearth of exciting new movements or vibrant personalities.

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The festival's traditional bias towards heavy rock was reflected in its bill. Friday's mid-evening highlight on the main stage was the Chester quartet Mansun, who delighted the crowd with anthemic tunes from last year's debut alburn. Attack Of The Grey Lantern, before baffling it with songs from their forthcoming sequel. Six, which ran the gamut of styles from progressive rock to punk.

The main headliners were Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, the recently reunited survivors of rock titans Led Zeppelin. Dissenters might knock this grizzled duo for their advanced years, but time has hardly blunted their thunderous attack. Neither, alas, has it improved the grinding tedium of their songs. The screeching blues vocals and blunderbuss guitar solos sounded crashingly conservaalve even 30 years ago and seemed positively prehistoric at Reading. Their stamina is commendable, their music

Even the smaller stages at Reading, generally reserved for more experimental acts. prived to be bastions of traditionalism. The youthful Southpost quintet Gomez, nominees for this year's Mercury Music Prize, attracted large crowds on friday with their ramshacklues roadshow, shuffling and wheezing like men three times their age. The same night, stetson-hatted trio Scott inthrailed devotees with ther warped country sound. Then, on Saturday, the ac-



Once, the Beastie Boys were the voice of disaffected youth. These days, they like to intersperse their nasal raps with forays into instrumental jazz.

claimed American singer-songwriter Elliot Smith caused a similar stir with his crafted campfire ballads.

Admittedly some younger artists proved more adventurous with their plundering of the past Cardiff's Super Furry Animals delivered a winning cocktail of psychedelia and techno while Sunderland's Kenickie wrapped their shambolic pastiches of 1960s girl groups in comic banter.

Arab Strap combined stumbling, half-strummed guitars with intriguingly boozy monologues and their fellow Glaswegians Mogwai played freeform instrumentals at ear--bursting volume.

On Saturday the main stage

hosted a warmly received set an aggressive speech merely by Oxford guitar trio Superreinforced the ugly machismo ass, who seem to have abanbehind this moronic song. The Beastie Boys them-

doned their worrying drift towards plodding rock traditionselves made no comment on the incident, which could be alism and rediscovered the bouncy pop dynamism which construed as an elegant rimade them so likeable in the poste in itself. Dressed in orfirst place. The Prodigy ange boiler suits, the wiseplayed next, proving once cracking New York trio delivered a lengthy set of booming again that their ongoing techno-punk pantomime may lack beat collages and whiny nasal subtlety but will always perk raps. Only during their occaup a flagging festival bill. But sional forays into instrumenthen rapper Maxim lambasttal jazz did these born-again ed headline act the Beastie brats lose momentum. It is a Boys for asking his band to sad fact that even hip-hop, that omit their controversial hit sinmost jarringly post-modern of gle, Smack My Bitch Up, from pop genres, seems to be developing the same unhealthy obtheir set. Perhaps he believed this constituted a bold stand session with its rootsy musical heritage as mainstream rock. against censorship, but such

I wo grand pianos and a

pianola batter each oth-

er in a sinister game of musical dodgems. A harpsi-

chordist plays a prelude while

being spun round on a revolving platform. A baritone croon-

curves. Two ladies elegantly

wriggle out of all their clothes,

more than a concert of Bach's

music", but clearly this is no

average concert. Plucking as-

into the auditorium.

They may be more fiercely fashionable than ever, but the Beasties proved merely compe-

tent rather than exciting. Salvation finally arrived on Sunday in the form of New Order, who stole the festival almost before they played a sin-gle note. Although nearly two decades old and dormant for the past five years, these mould-breaking Mancunian modernists still managed to sound timelessly enchanting with their sleek fusions of electronic percussion, deadpan lyrics and wilful amateurism.

Punctuating vintage hits such as True Faith and World In Motion with archive classics from their previous incarnation as seminal post-punk

rockers Joy Division, this foursome united old and young fans alike in warm-hearted celebration. Very few bands can treat their own much-mythologised past with such gleeful iconoclasm and still emerge with it intact. New Order brought precisely the injection of anarchic alchemy that Reading sorely needed.

Unwisely scheduled to headline after such a show-stopping set. Garbage were bound to sound drab by comparison. At least their singer, Shirley Manson, had the good grace to concede this as she garnely delivered her politely angst-ridden doom-rock. A suitably flaccid finale to a festival with few memorable highlights.

ple sweep up props from the

previous scene into a pile of

rubbish, one may guess that Santos is saying something

about how great music lives on after all the human bric-a-

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But the overall logic? That is

family are being evoked.

Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargis

RECOMMENDED TODAY

LONDON

BBC PROMS: One of America's finest ensembles, the Los Angeles Philhermonic under its brilliant young conductor Ese-Peidca Salonen, makes its second Prom appearance tongist (7pm) with a John Adams: London promiters followed by Mahler Lieder and tone-poems by Sibelius. Albert Hell (0171-569 8212).

CRUME AND PUNISHMENT: First production of the Steam Industry's so-called Discipline Season: Pnil Willmott directs Rodney Ackland's version of Dosloevsky. Pinborough Thambre Club (0171-373 3842). Previous from transfer.

actress demonstrates her versatility with a one-week solo cabaret show Backed by a ten-piece band she periorns songs ranging from the Peggy Lee hit River to Irish balad Donnar (0) 71-89 1732). Opens trologic 8 1524-95 tonicht, B.15pm. (2) THE PLAY ABOUT THE BABY:

BAELDA STAUNTON: The popular

Brinsh premiere of Edward Alt play about the mysterious Frances de la Tour and Alan Ho head the cast in Howard Davies

Almelda, N1 (0171-359 4404), Open

THE MIKADO: The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, absent from London for over three years, brings the most popular of Gibert and Sulfiven's operas to the South Bank for a week-long visit. Lynton Black recreates the title role which he sang to great acclaim in 1985, with Jitl Pen as Kaishe. tival Half (0171-960 4242).

mourning in Guildford

Penelope Keith stops

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH: Soprano Amenda Roccroft joins the beritone Olal Bar to present Wolf's great aong collection, Spanisches Liederbrach, (Usher Hall, 7pm). At the Lycaum (7pm) the New York Theatre Worlerhop stages; More Stately Marciane, Evance O'Nell's conflict. No van Hove directs. Box Office: (0131-473 2000).

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NEW WEST END SHOWS

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THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE: Alan Ayaldourn directs Belinds Lang in his new comedy about a surprising love and its uneurprising consequences for lovers. Unlorgettably ingenious set. Duchess (0171-494 5075)

DAN IDEAL HUSBAND: Now matth London theatre, Peter Hall's excellent production. With

Royal, Haymarket (0171-930 8900). CI FULL GALLOP: Mary Louise Wiscon's performance as Diana Virgeland, the Vogue divs, earned her an Oble Award on Broadway. Hampsteed, NW3 (0171-722 9301).

GLOOKIY SUNDAY: Julian Littman plays Ruril Series, eccentric Hungarian componer of the Billie Holiday ha, who chose poverty in Budapest while huge royalties lay unclaimed in New York, Stephen Wister directs Peter Möller's eccount of the late. of his life. Jermyn Street (0171-287 2875).

 HAMLET: Japanese maestro
 Yukio Ninagawa brings his exquisite
 visual style to bear on Shakespeare's madman. Barbican, EC2 (0171-638 8991).

☐ THE TRIAL: Anthony Booth's 40-minute play for an all-women cast, some wey after Kalfa. Men in the Moon, SW3 (017)-351 2876). Until September 12. DA WIFE WITHOUT A SMILE Forgotten farce by Pinero: its view or mental pranks caused a scandal in 1904. Dominic Hill directs. Orange Tree (0181-940 3633).

THE AFRICAN COMPANY PRESENTS RICHARD III: Carlyle Brown's play tells the true story of ex-sleves struggling to perform Shakespeare in 1820s Manhattan, Michael Anduz, directs the Five Points atra company. eraide Studios (0181- 237 1111).

☐ LOOT: Joe Oxfon's celebrated black times transfers from Chichester after self-out houses. Vaudaville (0171-836 9987).

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the letest movies

NEW RELEASES

THE HORSE WHISPERER (PG): increesingly faturous adeptation of Nicholas Evans.a best-seller about a

LOCK, STOCK AND TWO SMOKING BARRIELS (18): Frenetic and callous black comedy thriller set in London's East End. With Jason Flemyng and

MR. NICE GUY (15): TV chef gets into pang trouble. Inconsequential comedy thritler set in Australia, with

THE PROPOSITION (12): Widly improbable melodrama about sexua surrogacy, set in 1880s Boston, with

THE REAL HOWARD SPITZ (PG):

Would-be wacky romantic comedy from Vacim Jean, co-director of Leon the Pig Farmer, With Kelsey Grammer and Amandia Donohue. THE SPANISH PRISONER (PG):

New scientist gets drawn into a contrict. Spry ententalment from writer-director David Marnet, with Campbell Scott, Steve Mertin, and Rebecca Pidgeon.

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LE BOSSII (15): Enjoyable French sweshbuckler, with Deniel Autouil as the swordsman determined to bring down Fabrice Luchini's upstart

EVE'S SAYOU (15): Ten year-old girl witnesses her bither's Intidelity. Succulent and poetic black family drams, with a universal appeal. Kasl Lemmons directs Samuel L. Jackson and Lynn Whitfield.

FIRELIGHT (15): Swiss governess takes charge of the English child she red for money. Prettily dacked out, but latuous costume romance with Sophie Marceau and Stephen Differe. Director, Wittiam Nicholson

GADJO DILO (15): Parisian travels to Romania in search of a legendary gypsy singer. Likelable drama, crammed with othrite colour and lost-topping tolk music, Director, Tony Garial.

GANG RELATED (15): Two cops saving results to [15]: 1400 COPS huns for a full guy to take the rap for murder. Biting drame that finally loses its way. With James Beluchi and Tupac Shekur, Director, Jim Kout.

METROLAND (18): London suburbanies in the 1970s ponder on their nadical youth. Perfunctory account of Julian Bernes's novel, with Christian Bale and Emily Watson. Director, Philip Saville.

ARMAGEDDON (12): Oil driller Bruce willis and his roughneck craw strike out into space to save the world. Absurbly childish, and enjoyable, blockbuster. With Billy Bob Thomton Ban Affects, and Liv Tyler.

THE X-Fit ES (15): Mulder and Scully



The all-singing, all-dancing, all-amazing La Pantera Imperial, Carles Santos's bravura reconstruction of Bach

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The Imperial Panther, significantly refers not to Bach but to the grand piano - an instruhis death.

MUSIC THEATRE La Pantera

round the stage seem to enjoy the orgasms, groping and striptease as much as we do.

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as elusive as a dream, and one shouldn't strain to catch it. Far more compelling is the instinctive, vivacious and quintessentially Catalan response to the music. Santos himself delivers Bach's keyboard pieces as a flamenco guitarist might: trilling the chords, stamping on offbeat accents. When that startling approach is extended visually, into a full-blown flamenco dance for the punkishly at-

simply magnificent. RICHARD

sorted Bach out of the air. Santos - a wacky veteran of the ment invented decades after But what's it all about, Johann? Search me. It is quite easy to work out what individ-Catalan avant-garde — fleshes Yet La Pantera is provocait into a parade of witty, whimual bits mean. When the singsical, erotic, tender and surretive, inventive and great fun. ers of Lieder Camera deliver True, it treats Bach's music iral stage fantasies for choir, reverently. But Bach has withthe Crucifixus from the B Midancers and instrumentalists. nor Mass with arms outstood any number of bizarre in-It is an infuriating work, in stretched, the imagery is obvithat sketches sometimes go on too long and musical performterpretations, from Walt Disney's Fantasia to Sweetbox's ous. When a malevolent piano-Everything's Gonna Be Alla starts persecuting the huances are far from top-notch. man pianists, one may sur-mise that this is a statement Indeed, in stylistic terms they right, the rap treatment of Air are perversely anachronistic. on a G String currently high about the relentless commerlike Bach performances on prein the charts. Besides, the 22 giant busts of Bach suspended cialisation of music. When peowar 78s. The show's very ride.

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Breaking up before it's taken off

Michael Gove argues that the

euro will not travel well

t was while in the thick of the recent turbulence abroad that I realised how fragile were all the arguments for the single currency. The turbulence I experienced was not on the Moscow markets, but on the British Airways flight from Lyons to Heathrow. And while the fragility of the Boeing airframe was my first concern, it proved much more robust than the case for the euro. As I reflected on a brief trip to France, all the arguments for economic and monetary union seemed to disintegrate like a badly patched Tupolev trying to break the sound barrier. There is nothing like a holiday in Europe to make you realise how silly a

single currency would be. Honest advocates of the euro build their case on three shaky pillars. First, a single currency would, by eliminating the distorting effects of nadonal variations, make all prices transparent. The real cost of a kir would be instantly comparable from St Tropez to St John's Wood.

Secondly, a single currency would be more convenient for all who do business or take pleasure abroad by replacing the different coins,

in the wallet or on the balance sheet, Shoppers with a simple medium of exchange. already Thirdly, even, if

we want to stand know how aloof, the adoption of the euro by our partners will . into juggle trude in all our two forms dealings. As, our business pages re-cord today, Briosh of currency firms are already preparing to deal in euros. So, with the euro inev-

itably in use at our own checkouts, we may as well drop su-perfluous old sterling. All these arguments are as

beguiling, and bogus, as the nightchub patter of a Monaco playboy. They are just sweet

nothings.

Price transparency is already a reality, thanks to the Internet. A few clicks of the mouse enable any consumer to get round the elaborate defences of travel agents and world's airlines.

Although most of us are still more likely to call Trailfinders than use the Net, an increasing number of tourists have found that the extra minutes spent scrutinising flight times and prices on their PC can secure them a better deal than any travel warehouse. And the Internet extends across the globe and net just one half of one continent. It enthrones the customer more effectively than any currency can, and makes him monarch of a much larger

domain than euro-land. But you do not need a lapton to know how technology has zapped the second argument for a single currency into frag-ments. All you need is a cashcard. The idea that the foreign traveller must spend precious leisure time counting his cen-Change before leaving is grow-

ing daily more anachronistic. The tyranny of the Bureau de Change has been overthrown by the guillotine-edge of the Cirrus card. The same technology that allows you to ! extract the thick end of £50

back to her room, fag in one hand,

heels in the other, when she was

suddenly surrounded by gun-tot-

ing protection officers assigned to

or what she was up to," says my

friend with a service trolley. "They

frisked her and asked some ques-

tions. Nobody had been told the

and a transvestite comic into near-

adjoining rooms shows a degree of

ONE half of The Two Fat La-

dies, the televisual chefs, explains

drollery that Savage would envy.

They had no idea who she was

the PM and his entourage.

erdeen lets you extract the price of the prix fixe menu from a machine in the Dordogne. And, indeed, the price of a DKNY shirt in Manhattan. We already have an effective single currency for the civilised world and no one with a cashcard should need Thomas Cook again.

As for the third argument in favour of the single currency the confusion that might arise if the euro circulates in parallel with sterling — one can only ask euro-fans to wake up and smell the caffe latte.

Britons are already used to operating with parallel currencies. My journey to Lyons was paid for by one - British Airways Air Miles. Customers at supermarket checkouts are al-ready familiar with another loyalty points. Consumers are already adept at brokering their own arbitrage between cisions about airline tickets or the week's groceries on the ba-sis of trade-offs between sterling and these other new currencies. Just because we use a particular, and robust, medium of exchange for one trans-

action does not mean we should hand over control of our national economy to

whoever runs it. It makes no more sense for Britain to give up manmain economic levers to the European Central Bank just because we happen to see euros in use at Tesco, than it would to

let Tesco run the

country because its loyalty card points are insulated from inflation. Indeed, the existence of these parallel currencies and all the technological advances that render the euro redundant actually reinforce the strongest argument against monetary union - its denial of real competition.

odern consumers are promiscuous.
The existence of air miles and advantage points er to one outlet. They have developed as a result of the decay of loyalty in a less deferential age. It is then all the more ridiculous that, just when we grow more accustomed to rejecting those who do not deliver what we require, we are being asked to embrace a device that will rob us of our most im-

portant choice. Adopting a single currency would mean surrendering, for ever, the right to choose who runs our economy. Whoever we elected to govern the country would be incapable of adapting the economy to our demands because interest rates and, increasingly, tax rates would be fixed by foreigners we could not sack. A single currency would render opaque what should be the

most transparent question of all - who governs. Turbulence concentrates the mind. And focuses it on the pilot's skill. As the world's markets seem set for further convulsions, do we really want to be belted in, on a course set in calmer omes, heading for the

hardest of landings?

Blair Savaged

LILY SAVAGE triggered a full-scale security alert in Edinburgh at the

weekend after almost crashing into the Prime Minister's bedroom. The

comedic female impersonator, also known as Paul O'Grady, and Tony

Blair were staying in the same wing of the five-star Caledonian Hotel; Sav-

age (pictured) to appear at a Fringe gig with Jo Brand and Julian Clary, he to prepare for his stay at Balmoral with the Queen. In the wee hours, the

entertainer, nicknamed "the Blonde Bombsite", was groping her way



Carved with pride

ately, as seas of newsprint lapped around the closing days of Diana's year, an old ballad has run insistently through my head. The Unquiet Grave is one of the most perfect poems in the language, and well suits

the gathering autumn.
The wind doth blow today, my love And a few small drops of I never had but one true love

In cold grave she was loin. The lover weeps on the grave for a year and a day. From the grave, though, come no soft words of consolation. This is no mawkish Hollywood ghost, no revenant delivering soppy messages to stout peroxided psychics; not even a romantically unquiet spirit dashing around on moorland to tap distractedly at a Heath-cliffs window. A harsh and honest reproof is delivered to the living.

> being up The dead began to speak "Oh who sits weeping on my

> The twelvemonth and a day

And will not let me sleep?" The lover pleads for one last kiss. and is rebuffed with a scornful realism that belongs to an age less squeamish than ours, and more willing to acknowledge the skull beneath

You crave one kiss of my clay-cold lips But my breath smells earthy And if you kiss my lips, my

Your time will not be long. There is no commerce between the living and the dead. All things and all people wither. Respect the dead but let them go.

To the ancient and anonymous first singer of that ballad, a year and a day seemed the right limit for the more extravagant displays of grief. It still does. Obviously it would be fatuous to equate the popular and media remembrance of Diana, Princess of Wales, with the real grief of those who really knew her: but that is all the more reason why, with the twelvemonth and a day passed, we should cease our figurative weeping on her grave. Publishers and media should stop raking over her. Radio hosts should stop encouraging people to read out terrible poems. Stupid evangeticals should stop opining on the

Cold stone is the best medium for

commemorating those we have loved

state of her soul. Conspiracy theorists should put a sock in it. The three fami-lies should refrain from bickering. All that the living need now is a de-cent, permanent memorial to nod to. Maybe the trouble is that we do not

yet have one. If the past year has shown anything, it is the panic and confusion of a post-Christian, self-consciously modern age which has forgotten how to create enduring memorials when high emotion is involved. Early on, there was much excited talk about how Diana, that warm compassionate modern creature, must not be commemorated in "cold stone" but by "living" memorials. Hence the ill-

governed, chaotic, taste-challenged me-morial fund with its margarine tubs and scratchcards and overscented candles and mawkish plush assorted vague government proposals dreamt up by a com-

Chancellor, like community children's nurses (funding and organisation still uncertain) and the "recognition" of young people's community service (nobody seems to know quite how). Oh, and perhaps a coin, eventually. We already have the stamps.

Then there is the garden, about which enough has been said. It transpires that whatever happens in Kensington, there are already three Diana memorial gardens, with dozens more in the pipeline. Fine: a garden is a good place for reflection, and reflection is a better tribute to the dead than burning a smelly candle in front of a plush teddy while eating margarine and scratching 10 win the price of a holiday. And of course, there is Althorp Park with its temple and its island urn; these are so far (for what that is worth) the things most recognisable as proper memori-

als. But they are not fully public. Elsewhere, a council has put up a hideous rockery sculpture and been forced by public opinion to take it down again; Mohamed Al Fayed has erected a Diana and Dodi shrine in Harrods; and a camera-toting correspondent to Private Eye magazine has sent in evidence that a zoo in Cambridgeshire now boasts a Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Reptile House. You couldn't make it up.

None of this amounts to the original tearful challenge to supplant "cold stone" and tradition with something worthier and warmer. So, in a mood of late-August melancholy, I set out one morning in a cold wind and a few drops of rain to see what mere stone could have done - could yet do - to produce a memorial simple, heartfelt and enduring enough for anyone who ever lived. Stone, after all, has been good enough for cen-

turies of others who were once vivid, feeling human beings. The expedition was to Blickling

Hall, near Norwich. has held in its gardens a unique exhibition. The Art of Remembering. It is a showcase for the memorial art, which is undergoing a remarkable revival

in Britain. One woman has been midwife to this revival, putting traditional hand letter-cutters and sculptors in touch with mourners looking for a gravestone which is not heartlessly computer-cut by machines on shiny imported slabs. She also helps them to negotiate with churchyard authorities. Harriet Frazer lost a stepdaughter, Sophie Behrens, in 1985, and her struggle to find a simple, beautiful gravestone made her found Memorials by Artists to make it easier for others; hundreds of lovely stones, and a number of private garden memorials, stand today as proof that she

To go to Blickling, or read the cata-logue book with the artists' modest statements, is to see how wrong our age has been to dramatise and sentimentalise and deny death, and to strive so violently for originality and "relevance" in remembrance. Half an hour there in the drizzle convinced me that there is still nothing that expresses loss and respect and resignation and dignity as much as the old

simplicities: a piece of stone cut with artistry and care, a text lettered with real feeling and cut in a deep chiselled "V" shape to catch the light. The artists have produced many kinds of memorial: tall obelisks, a bell in an arch, a stone doorway, a poem on a pillar, a rough stone lettered "For life and death are one even as the river and the sea are one", with both lines flowing into the same "are one"; benches, plaques, vases; Johnston's and Kindersley's flowing forms, Eric

Gill's lovely open lettering. There are wooden memorials, too, and a cast-iron plaque dedicated to John Harrison, inventor of the marine chronometer. Sorrowful or playful, solemn or intimate, what the memorials all have is an effortful, hardwon unity and flow and freedom. Life comes out of tension: the tension between the abstract intellectual power of lettering and the natural permanence of stone, harmonised and mediated by the craftsman's hand and the mourner's desire. They are sublime. "Can a stone catch emotion?" asks a sign in the indoor section of the exhibition. Oh yes; catch it, and make sense of it too, and transmit it on down the generations, lightening the mourners' burden by passing on love

and regret to future generations. This is a great tradition in Britain: our 18th-century churchyard stones had a warmth and personality to them which still delight today. We produced Eric Gill, we still produce young people, who although it will never make their fortune, devote their lives to the hard, dusty, beautiful art of letter-cutting. They study to make sculpture unite the living with the dead and the unborn. We, of all nations, should have been able to set aside frippery and make a decent and thoughtful memorial to the Princess.

And then let her go, and get on with life without invoking her name every 20 minutes in connection with some new fad. Cold stone will do nicely. As the ballad concludes:

Down in yonder garden Love, where we used to walk The fairest flower that ere was seen Is withered to o stolk. The stalk is withered dry, my love So will our hearts decay So moke yourself content, Till God calls you oway.

FOR the past year, Sean Hughes. Mark Thomas, Paul Kaye, aka Dennis Pennis, and half a dozen other comedians have been checking in to the psychiatric wing of an East London hospital. On arrival, they have sat as still as possible while patients observed them from afar. The results, a splendid series of portraits (Hughes, left; Kaye, right), will go on show for three weeks at Guildhall on Thursday. Hughes tells me: "A lot of comedi-

ans are quite edgy characters themselves. The life classes must have been excellent therapy for other people who feel they don't quite fit in." A case of the lunatics taking over the asylum? about the collapse of Boring Brothers, have been forced to spell its nome with two Rs.

Pony express

STING has had to face a conflict behorse-loving family. When the mu200-acre estate in northern Italy, for a holiday, Trudie, his wife, and Coco, his seven-year-old daughter, began moaning about missing their four-legged friends. To keep them quiet, Song gallantly transported the beloved horses overland from his country mansion in Wilt-

The Third Way? A cul-de-sac

Tim Hames says Blair must drop

the Clinton style

ill Clinton and Tony Blair will meet in Northern Ireland on Thursday for the laudable purpose of promoting the peace process. They are due to convene again in New York three weeks later for a conference on the "Third Way". This will form part of a series that is expected to involve Gerhard Schröder, should he become German Chancellor. After all that has been revealed about the US President's private preferences, an outsider might wonder whether the Third Way is a philosophical or a sexual position.

Nonetheless, the Prime Minister seems determined to stick with Mr Clinton despite his mounting difficulties. Downing Street may be contem-plating its own Third Way between past enthusiasm for the damaged President and a more measured sup-port in public. But the new Labour leadership's forthcoming series of dates with Mr Clinton appears to confirm that it is, privately, still in love with the President.

There is a great deal that the Prime Minister can learn from the Clinton Administration, but those lessons are almost entirely negative. They are no less important for that. Mr Clinton's current condition is al-

most exclusively the result of his own irresponsibility. But the impact of re-cent scandals has been amplified because of three factors that have been consistent features of his presidency. The first is the Administration's obsessive reliance on opinion polls over principle in determining policy. The second has been an over-aggressive attempt to control and manipulate the American media. The third error has been Mr Clinton's own third way, the pursuit of "triangulation". Since 1994 his strategy has been intentionally to distance himself from his party.

Mr Clinton once considered all these elements essential to his electoral success. They were also admired by many Labour strategists. They have now rebounded and returned to haunt him. Mr Clinton's apology for an anology concerning Monica Lewinsky was drafted on the acvice of his legal team but shaped by his polisters. Surveys showed that the public did not much care for Kerneth Starr, the special prosecutor, did oot like all the hurid detail emerging and thought that the whole matter hid received quite enough attention Mr Clinton told his fellow citizens, at usual, what he thought they wanted to hear. ft was a huge misjudgment. What Americans sought from their President was not an echo-chimber but confession and contrition.

The American media, having felt abused and misinformed by the White House for so long, promptly turned on Mr Clinton with a vengeance. Democrats throughout the United States are already scramling to put space between themselves and their notional leader. They have felt little loyalty to the President lecause he did exactly the same to then when it suited his interests. The Clirton era should represent final proof that governments of the polls, against the press and away from the party will not flourish in modern democracies.

The collapse of the Clinton White House should concern Downing Street. For Mr Blair and his inner circle have been consistently tempted by Clinton tactes. This Government has been cautious to the point where one can imagine the Prime Minister wearing a safety-belt while seated in a parked car. Macroeconomic policy has been built around the need to retain middleclass affections. Public money has been hurled at health and education largely because they are, in Gordon Brown's words, "the people's priorities". Civil liberties have been sidelined in the quest to look tough on crime. However, on the real hard choices, such as fundamental welfare reform, Mr Blair, like Mr Clinton, has occasionally spoken but not in-

The Government has adopted its communication techniques straight from the Clinton Oval Office. Downing Street has sought to ration the supply of news to the media in the hope of writing its own headlines. When the Prime Minister has found himself in unexpected trouble — as with the Bernie Ecclestone saga — his press office has adopted the Clinton approach of releasing the relevant facts reluctantly and slowly.

Mr Blair also seems to have become bored with the tiresome task of modernising the Labour Party. He seems inclined to let it sit on one side while he concentrates on his personal standing in the country. The consequence is a more presidential style, if

not a presidential system, of politics. These American imports have been exceptionally effective in the 16 months since the Prime Minister came to power. They may allow him to dominate the scene for some rime to come. But the Clintonile strategy will not last for ever, nor will it need an act of reckless personal indiscretion to undermine it. A downturn in the economy, a serious Cabinet split over proportional representation, or a more conventional form of poliocal scandal could serve as the catalyst. The ephemeral and fickle nature of opinion polls will be exposed, the media will revolt as never before, and the downtrodden Labour Party will

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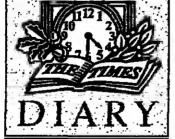
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the delights of the job: "We cooked for the entire Cambridge University rowing team and it was fantastic." says Clarissa Dickson Wright. Such muscle definition in their thighs! We had to go to cook for the nuns of Connemora immedi-

PM was staying in the hotel for the night and Savage just wondered what all the fuss was about." Once Blair's bodyguards had established that the Blankety Blank compère was not a threat to national security, she was allowed to totter on to her own room. I commend the hotel receptionist on his sense ately ofterwards to cool down." of humour; to book both the PM

Third degree

THE Prime Minister's obsession with charting the "Third Way" cuts little ice with his Oxford mentor.



Just as Blair has announced a summit with President Clinton in New York to promote "a break from traditional political ideologies". Dr Ross Mckibbin, the historian at St John's College, has penned a withering critique of the nonsense.

McKibbin first met Blair at St John's in the early Seventies when the academic was a fellow and the future PM an undergraduate. They have since kept in touch but this does not stop the don dismissing the debate as "increasingly desperate" in the London Review of Books. He writes: "Few of the parocipants seem to have much sense of the history either of the Labour Party or of the country it now governs." Harsh words, especially as McKibbin advises the PM on the history of the Labour Party.

ON HIS first doy as Chairmon of the Beeb. Sir Christopher Bland recalls: "I was given o copy of the BBC phonebook — three quorters of an inch thick, town mops, yellow pages. adverts, five orchestras and Good Lord, I've taken over responsibility for Basingstoke."

Ted's passion

THE disclosures about Sir Edward Heath's "lost love" enlivened many a weekend breakfast table. But did some of the prints miss the point about his soulmate? Heath's wartime relacionship with Kay Raven, a doctor's daughter who ended up marrying an RAF pilot and hero, was widely described as "chaste". The genesis of the reports was an

excerpt from The Course of Mv Life, his forthcoming memoirs: Knowing each other in so many different ways, we corresponded frequently throughout the war."
One of Sir Edward's former ministers insists that the phrase, crafted to protect Raven's family, amounts to a magisterial nod and wink: "Rumours abound about him. But one of the certainties about Sir Edward is that while he is no flirt, he is attracted to strong women, unless they are called Margaret."

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IN THE BEAR'S DEN

A Russo-American summit better timed than it may appear

President Clinton's advisers came within an ace of suggesting that he call off his trip to Moscow today. Their reasoning is not hard to follow. Russia's predicament has been dire enough since the effective rouble devaluation and debt moratorium without the added complication of having no Government. If proof were required that this time President Yeltsin's abrupt defenestration of Sergei Kiriyenko's governing team was less a coup de théâtre than an ill-controlled crash landing, it was amply furnished by Viktor Chernomyrdin's subsequent constitutional haggling with the Communists -- who then proceeded to welsh on the disreputable deal they had extracted from him.

So shrunken is Russia's political and financial credibility that a new Russian anticrisis plan would have required careful scrutiny before any endorsement by the US President. As it is, there is no plan for Mr Clinton to discuss: nor, after the Duma's rejection yesterday of Mr Chernomyrdin as Prime Minister, is there a confirmed authority with whom to set out what a Russian strategy must contain to warrant further outside support. Yet even if few concrete steps can be taken in Moscow - and Mr Clinton has every reason to be exasperated with Mr Yeltsin - he is right to have gone.

To have cancelled this summit at so perilous a juncture would have been a public washing of American hands that carried the risk of converting an already grave crisis into a dangerously contagious panic. If Mr Clinton, in his own severely weakened political state, can summon the concentration and skill, he could also make a virtue out of

the necessity of going ahead with the trip. He should start by putting to good use the apparent collapse of Mr Chernomyrdin's Faustian bargain with the Duma's devils. It should never have been struck in the first place. The plan to fiddle with the Constitution, while legally dubious, might appear relatively innocent to foreign eyes; this would have dramatically reduced Mr Yeltsin's powers, in return for a promise of less irresponsible parliamentary conduct between now and the elections due in December 1999. But it was anything but innocuous. The President's loss of power would have

been real and the pledged co-operation a sham. The more power shifted to a Duma notorious for sabotaging reforms, the more terminally ungovernable would Russia have become. It is a grim thought that Mr Chernomyrdin was ready to sign along that dotted line; Mr Yeltsin's reluctance to do so suggests that even at his most perverse, his political instincts have not wholly deserted him.

In policy terms, the implications of the pact were disastrous. Mr Chernomyrdin appeared before the Duma yesterday having already agreed to restore some state controls over the economy, including prices; appealing in vain for the deputies' endorsement, he further promised to defend the currency. save the banking system from collapse, pay pension and wage arrears and pour state aid into failing industries and unreformed farms. It would have meant printing money in support of a half-command economy, the course advocated by his closest par-liamentary ally, Aleksandr Shokhin, woo has hopes of being given the central bank or finance portfolios.

These concessions, however, only emboldened the Communists to push for total pow-er. Their fresh demands included a guarantee from Mr Yeltsin that he would resign as soon as a new government was formed, that Communists should hold at least ten ministries, including the Interior, and that the Duma should control public radio and television. At least their agenda is now plain, just as it should be plain even to Mr Chernomyrdin that it is incompatible with reform. To yield would mean not just muddling through as he did before but outright economic, social and political disaster.

Russia is in for terrible pain now, even with a robust reforming government that IMF funds can sensibly support. Mr Clinton cannot pretend otherwise; but he can underline how much worse lies down the Communists' primrose path. He needs to persuade not only Mr Yeltsin but Mr Chernomyrdin, the tycoons backing him and the provincial powerbrokers in the Duma — which could yet, if resolutely confronted with a credible strategy, beat a tactical retreat. It will be justification enough of this summit if it can help to avert the worst.

THE VIEW FROM BALMORAL

Blair can still stem the nationalist advance

have been at home in Balmoral this week. Tony Blair's schooldays at Fettes were spent in Scottish baronial splendour. And Mr Blair has proved an active counsellor through the monarchy's process of adaptation in the year past. But the Prime Minister cannot afford to relax on Deeside. There will soon be other guests enjoying royal hospitality whom Mr Blair might wish to see kept at the gate. The invitation to the leader of the Scottisb National Party from the Prince of Wales is another reminder that Scotland no longer stands where it did. In the year since Mr Blair's victory in the devolution referendum, the prospect of a nationalist majority in the Edinburgh parliament has become a clear and present danger. The Prince has a duty to acquaint himself with all politicians who might wield power throughout the United Kingdom. Mr Blair might, however, consider it his duty to reflect and advise on how the Kingdom should be kept United.

The SNP's leader, Alex Salmond, is a formidable politician. But the main architect of the SNP's rise in the polls has been Mr Blair. John Smith thought of devolution as "unfinished business". The Prime Minister seemed, at first, to have filed it under Any Other Business. In an election aside, he once compared the proposed Scottish parliament to a parish council. But he then highhandedly invited the Scottish electorate to prove that it could be much more than that. In the referendum campaign, the Labour Party sought to make clumsy amends for Mr Blair's slight by co-opting the SNP for its campaign. In so doing it conferred a respectability on the SNP which it has since tried, in vain, to remove.

The Prime Minister should, superficially, Mr Blair might regret the Prince's judgment that the nationalists d audience, but it is the Prime Minister who has put the Prince in that position. The Government might, however, hope that the Prince, like others, finds that the nationalist prospectus does not stand up to sustained scrutiny. The Prince is, reportedly, concerned that SNP proposals for land reform may affect the Highland economy. Any landowner in Scotland should be. The delicate human ecology of the Highlands depends on the successful management of sporting estates, often sustained by foreign money. Aggressive intervention from Edinburgh, designed to right perceived historic wrongs, would only impoverish those employees of sporting estates who make a living from the cleared moors.

It is not only in the Highlands that nationalist politicians see through history's looking-glass darkly. The SNP's promises of improvements in social policy suggest a certain blindness to the costs of separatism that other nations have endured. The election of an SNP-led administration in Edinburgh would lead to a period of instability in which capital, and labour, might flee to safer havens. Already some of Scotland's biggest employers, including major fund managers, are considering the merits of some relocation in the event of a nationalist advance. The business sector's fears are real, and it falls to Labour to give them vigorous, demotic, expression so that voters recognise the price of a protest vote. It is still within Mr Blair's power to ensure that the contacts between the Prince of Wales and Mr Salmond have no need, after next year's election, to be more than safely social.

NOT SO SILLY SEASON

An August many would rather forget

If April is the cruellest, then August should be the quietest month. Politicians head for Chiantishire or Cape Cod. Teachers travel to the seaside for their traditional recreations; rewriting history and reading the Riot Act to ministers. Clubs close, factories go a little slower and the ticker-tape machine reverts to its most useful, and innocent, of functions:

relaying the cricket score. But news does not stop for the season. Even if opinion-formers are resting, the Grim Reaper is usually on overtime. Two World Wars have broken out in August and it has too frequently been coup season in Russia. Summer's lease on the front pages this year has been especially short. Scarcely had the first animal story of summer put its head above the newsprint fold than it was felled by gunfire, well before the Glorious Twelfth. With this September dawn the summer should officially close. But it had

really been cancelled long before. The silly season, like the sun, tried to make an appearance. But it was all too brief. There was a new plague, in the tradition of past flesh-eating bugs, with evidence of mosquitoes on the Tube. flurry when a royal congue-stud was glimpsed. But even Stakhanovite efforts by

minor celebrities who might otherwise have been guaranteed attention scarcely secured notice. The Spice Girls contrived not one, but two, conceptions but the extra inches on their waistlines were not matched in the press. The world's gaze was elsewhere:

It was gripped by the twisted sexual drama in the White House. It was bewildered by the manic lurches of Boris Yeltsin. It shook its head in sorrow at the renewed bloodshed in the Congo. And it looked on in horror as terrorists held human life in contempt in Kenya, Tanzania and Ireland. The folly of man was matched by the caprice of nature. Floods, from Sydney to Bangladesh, mocked the capacity of man to subdue the elemental. Disaster has grabbed the world's leaders by the throat and forced them back on stage at the one time of year they wanted to slip away and allow footballers, soap stars and celebrities to steal the show.

The end of this perilous August would have come a day sooner but for Augustus Caesar's greed. The Roman Emperor demanded that his month should gain a day to become as long as July, named after his great uncle and adopted father. August was the Emperor's lucky month. The luck seems to have ended with him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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working-time law

From Miss Georgina Keane

Sir, Fundamental changes for most employers come into force on October I. Inexplicably, the Working Time Regulations, issued on July 30, only became available to the public on August 19. Ignorance of the law is no defence, which makes the short timetable even more lamentable.

The regulations impose a 48-hour maximum working week, significant restrictions on night working, requirements for detailed records and health assessments, together with a host of other obligations. All employees, including agency workers, must have three weeks' paid holiday in 1998-99. four weeks thereafter.

Complex rules determine hours worked, holidays, obtaining employees' agreement to work longer hours and exemptions from the rules. Great fun (at least for lawyers) can be had interpreting all this - even basic items such as what counts as 'work': lunch with a friend will not count, lunch for business purposes will.

With only one month to go, the 22 pages of convoluted drafting is recommended holiday reading — but this would then be 'work' and not count as

Yours faithfully, GEORGINA KEANE (Head of Employment). Richards Butler (solicitors). Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, EC3A 7EE, gk@richardshutler.com August 28.

From Dr C. J. Striker

Sir, I fail to understand why there has not been more exposure in the press about the likely effects of the new Working Time Regulations.

These regulations introduce not only the maximum 48-hour working week but also the right of temporary workers to four weeks' paid holiday a year — in effect, giving them a 7 per cent pay rise at a time when the Chancellor of the Exchequer is exhorting us to keep pay rises down to 3 per cent.

The result will clearly be a percentage increase in inflation; and the onerous record-keeping requirements embodied in the regulations (records of hours worked have to be kept for two years for every single employee) will lead to a massive increase in

bureaucracy.
This legislation was swept through Parliament during the very last session before the summer recess, ate or publicity. with little or no and companies are being given only six weeks to implement massive changes. Many smaller companies, unable or unwilling to cope with the additional burden placed upon them. will be faced with closure.

Yours faithfully, C. J. STRIKER (Director). G. K. Technical (Recruitment agency).
31 Theobalds Road, WCIX 8SP.

The 'Giving Age' From the Minister of State,

Home Office Sir, Kirsty Milne, in her article of August 27, "Don't give up on the Giving Age" fails to recognise what

has already been done to make that phrase a reality. While celebrating the fact that so many British people are working to help others, we have begun a pro-gramme of change and development.

We are working on many exciting initiatives in partnership with the voluntary sector and others, including initiatives on older volunteers, employee volunteering, mentoring parents and young people: youth volun-teer development grants are increasing opportunities for the latter.

There will be more volunteering opportunities in public institutions, and millennium awards for people to improve their communioes. We are working on ever more exciting ideas. still only at the embryonic stage, such as Jane Tewson's One20 time-giving scheme mentioned by Ms Milne.

Far from "giving up", the Govern-ment is working with the public, private and voluntary sectors to establish the millennium as the "Giving Age".

Yours sincerely. ALUN MICHAEL Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, SWIH 9AT. August 28.

Martens and squirrels

From Mr Colin Simms

Sir, I am interested by your report (August 25) of pine martens taking grey squirrels as prey. In over 40 years' researches of martens in their North of England strongholds - still persisting, despite persecutors and many assertions of their "extinction" - I have found red squirrels featuring in their food in only a handful out of well over 4,000 analyses.

Incidentally, over that period I have recorded over 1,100 road deaths of red squirrels - a toll increasing markedly since the early 70s - and only a handful of marten deaths on the roads. Martens are very alert animals.

Yours faithfully. COLIN SIMMS (Independent consultant naturalist), Cross Fell Cottage, Garrigill, Cumbria CA9 3EB.

Tight timetable on Circling the Square at London's nub a successful outcome lies in West-

From Sir Philip Goodhart

Sir. I believe that the best way to resolve the long-running dispute about the pedestrianisation of part of Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square (letters, July 18, 22, 28, August 8, 13; report, August 21; leading article. August 22) is to hold an experiment.

I suggest that the road between the National Gallery and Trafalgar Square should be closed in May, June and July 1999. At the end of July it should be reopened to traffic and there could then be a wide-ranging debate of the sort that the president of the Pedestrians Association has called for in his letter of August 13. It will obviously take considerable time and effort to mount this experiment, for the road carries a heavy load of commercial vehicles, taxis and buses.

Between 2pm and 3pm on Thurs-day, August 13, I arranged for a count to be carried out of the vehicles passing in front of the National Gallery. There were 319 cars, 238 London buses, 156 tourist buses or private coaches, 234 vans and lorries and 444 taxis. It would be interesting to see whether the buses, vans and taxis can be diverted on to other routes without causing unacceptable congesoon, confusion and delay.

lf, as I suspect, the problems proposed by the partial pedestrianisation are judged to outweigh the benefits, consideration could be given to the simpler idea of building a pedestrian tunnel between the National Gallery entrance and the main part of Trafalgar Square.

Yours sincerely, PHILIP GOODHART, 25 Abbotsbury Road, Kensington WI4 8EJ.

From Mr J. M. Guttridge

Sir, Handing back Trafalgar Square and areas such as Soho to pedestrians are important objectives; but the key to

minster council's cautious approach ("carping opposition", as your leading article of August 22 described it).

London is a vibranı living city - not a museum - and depends on both people (by public transport) and goods and services being delivered. Restaurants, bars, shops, etc. are all part of the London experience, but they depend on efficient delivery of supplies to function.

Pedestrian couriers are great for delivering documents and small packages, but not very effective in delivering cases of wine, barrels of beer, several hundredweight of beefburgers, a rack of dresses, or the week's groceries.

The delivery vehicle, like the bus, is essential to London's wellbeing and, like the bus, should be afforded priority. Many delivery operations can be carried out outside the normal working day - or at least could be if the proliferation of curiews and controls that prevent this were reviewed.

Yours sincerely.

J. M. GUTTRIDGE. Regional Director, London and South Eastl. Freight Transport Association, Hermes House, St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9UZ. August 25.

From Mr John Wallinger

Sir, I am sure I am not alone in being horrified at the predicted cost of pedestrianising Trafalgar Square — E65 million, according to one recent Perhaps they'd like me to quote?

Twenty traffic cones at £1,20 each, plus £20 for a return rail ticket for me total £44.

Yours, JOHN WALLINGER, The Manor House, Upton Grey. Hampshire RG25 2RD. August 24.

Prozac for students

From Ms Barbara Butcher

Sir, The fact that GPs are prescribing Prozac for teenagers experiencing stress, anxiety and depression at exam time (report, August 21; feature, August 26) confirms the power of the pharmaceutical industry. Recent non-randomised clinical tri-

als on the herb St John's wort indicate it to be as effective as Prozac, but with none of the side-effects. In addition, a recent paper published on the effect psychological intervention on immunity during exam stress has shown that hypnotherapy prior to examinations increases both calmness and energy and improves mood.

As there is no patent on hypnotherapy or St John's wort, it is not in the interests of those who command marketing budgets to publicise these facts.

Yours sincerely BARBARA BUTCHER, The Orchard Clinic, 4 Orchard Lane, Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP6 5AB. bb@purpose.demon.co.uk August 27.

From Mr L. C. Widocks

called, I spent a considerable time, both day and night, in air raid

spent in these shelters. Hours of attendance were curtailed for a period in order to enable pupils to reach home in daylight. Food was severely rationed.

cessary to pass in at least five subjects, which had to include mathematics, English language and a foreign language. I am not aware that any allowances were made for the conditions under which we had studied, and I am not aware of any of my fellow pupils being on either a prescribed drug or any form of medicant.

Yours faithfully. L. C. WIDOCKS. (Pupil of Tiffin Boys School. Kingston upon Thames, 1939-42). 6 Mill Rise Wellingore, Lincoln LN5 0DU. August 29.

Table manners

From the Venerable Martin Draper, Archdeacon of France

Sir, I regard some of John Morgan's comments in his Saturday Weekend columns, "Modern manners", as

For example (August 8), what is important for the recipient of a letter is surely neither the colour of the ink nor the weight of the paper but that its contents are clearly and straightforwardly expressed. That is, alas, not always the case with every contribu-

tion to Mr Morgan's column. And (August 1), do people really spend their mealtimes looking around the table to see if the others present are holding their radishes in the correct hand? What is the point of putting edible items on people's plates if they are not meant to be eaten - unless, of course, the purpose of the rules is to catch people out? I should think that

extremely vulgar. As to cutlery (also August I), I recently had a restaurant meal at which everyone are everything with whatever implements were provided for them by the restaurant (a fork for the pate, but not for the dessert). This probably broke all Mr Morgan's rules; but French custom makes enjoyment of both the food and the company of one's friends its top

yours truly. MARTIN DRAPER. Anglican Archdeaconry of France, 7 Rue Auguste-Vacquerie, 7SH6 Paris. August 28.

Put in quad

From Mr James M. Robertson

Sir, A report in today's issue refers to a "quad bike" and to "four-wheeled

Both these descriptions strike me as ridiculous. Why not call them fourwheeled tricycles, or even fourwheeled unicycles?

Yours faithfully, JAMES M. ROBERTSON. 6 Earlspark Way. Bieldside. Aberdeen ABIS 9BY. jmrobertson@csi.com August 27.

Sir, During the last three years before I took School Certificate, as it was then

shelters. Classes were interrupted and hours

To obtain School Certificate it was

In the Spirit Zone

From Mr Victor Toubi

Sir, May I suggest that the Spirit Zone in the Millennium Dome (letters, August 24 and 29) consists of a large room containing a list of all the invasions, wars, uprisings and pogroms, throughout history until today, that have been insogated and fought for the dogma of organised religion rather than individual belief in a higher God.

Yours faithfully. VICTOR TOUBL 353 Fulwood Road Ranmoor, Sheffield S10 3BQ. August 29.

From Mrs J. E. Bell

Sir. Why not a space set aside, sunably insulated from external noise and, except for seating, completely empty? This would provide a place for prayer and meditation for all faiths, or none, and would require no sponsorship: a very welcome escape from all the controversy.

Yours faithfully. JOYCE BELL 40 Hadley Road, Enfield EN2 80Y.

From the Reverend Peter Mullen Sir, The best and simplest message for the churches to put inside the Spirit Zone would be a large notice: 'He is

Yours sincerely, PETER MULLEN. lo Whin Road, York YO24 IJZ. August 29.

To boldly go

not here. He is risen!"

From Miss Judith-Anne MacKenzie Sir, It was Captain Kirk who boldly went (General G. B. Fawcus's letter, August 27). Mr Spock's English grammar approached perfection, of course.

Yours faithfully. JUDITH-ANNE MacKENZIE, 48 Kirkley Road, SW19 3AY. August 27.

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Relics of empire as world heritage

From Mr John Crookshank

Sir, Marcus Binney ("Bridging a gap in our heritage", report, August 22] says that it is "inconceivable" that "Fortress Gibraltar" would be placed on a proposed new list of World Heritage Sites without Spanish approval A more oponusoc view could be that such a move would form a basis for co-operation between Britain, Gibraltar and Spain at this

historic corner of Europe. Although most of the unique fortificaoons on the Rock are British imperial relics, there is much to remind the vistor of the period of Spanish, and earlier, occupancy, including Charles V's wall and signifi-

cant Moorish remains. Across the border there are remains of Spanish batteries installed against Gibraltar from the 1770s to the German-built gun emplacements of the 1940s. Visitors could take in all these sites in a day or two, to the benefit of tourism in both Spain and Gibraltar; this could in turn relax delays at the border, to everyone's good.

In the days of Spain's own proud and far-flung empire San Juan in Puerto Rico and Havana in Cuba were as magnificent examples of her imperial might as Gibraltar was of Britain's All these places are potential World Heritage Sites — with the accent on "world" — in their own right, irrespective of whose flag currently flies over the ramparts.

Yours sincerely.
JOHN CROOKSHANK. lvy House, Westbourne, Emsworth, Hampshire POI0 8SP. August 29.

That's progress

From Mr Thomas Ridge Sir, Mr Nick Sheldon (letter, August 24), whose manual typewriter is "completely millennium-proof" and who believes that technology peaked in 1963, might like to try out our word processor at home. It is relatively new. but ever since being dropped during this year's spring-clean has insisted that the year is 1956.

I am confident of still being able to

write to The Times on it in the year 2000 (or 1958).

Yours faithfully. T. L. T. RIDGE. Brockley Elm House, Brockley, Backwell, North Somerset BS48 4AQ.

From Mrs Sheila Dunford

Sir. May I suggest that Nick Sheldon writes a thesis on The Superiority of the Technology of the Sixnes. In 1963 I typed my husband's PhD thesis. Thirty-two graphs and diagrams had to be hand-drawn and hundreds of equations. Greek letters, subscripts and superscripts all added by hand. In the final draft this had to be done to at least five copies. Every time my husband's supervisor suggested a change meant a page or more to be

retyped.

Give me my word processor any rime. Yours faithfully, at my computer. SHEILA DUNFORD. Priors Corner, 2 Priory Lane, Marcham, nr Abingdon, Oxfordshire OXI3 6NY.

Bunkered at outset

August 25.

From Mrs Phyllida Flint Sir, I suspect the reason why men are not privileged to receive gratuitous advice from Frenchmen on their golfing posture and motion (Mrs Virginia Brown's letter, August 25) may be that your correspondent was approached in this manner by one of a dying breed - the lonely heterosexual man.

She was being chatted up. Yours faithfully. PHYLLIDA FLINT, Green Lane House. Orford, Suffolk IP12 2NF. August 26.

From Mr T. P. Fitzpatrick

Sir. Worry not, Mrs Brown. It is simply that men are more subtle with men than with women. I had just smitten a three-wood many a mile down the practice ground, when I beheld the Major marching across the club car park. "Ah Tom," he said. "I see you have mastered the two great shots of golf." He paused while I purred content-

edly, then continued: "The practice swing and the conceded putt. I have not been back to the practice ground. On my rare visits to a course,

it shows rotten. Yours faithfully. TOM FITZPATRICK. FitzPatricks (solicitors). Meeds House, 70 Station Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RHIS9EN.

From Mr John H. Gladwin

Sir, I believe Mrs Brown is incorrect in attributing the remarks addressed to her to sexism. After 35 years playing golf, 1 am

rebuked not only for lifting my head and swaying, but also for "having too many moving parts". Yours etc.

J. H. GLADWIN. Bishop's Stortford Golf Club, Dunmow Road. Bishop's Stortford CM23 SHP. August 25.



COURT CIRCULAR

Balaioral Castle August 31: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, Prince Waliam of Wales and Prince Henry of Wales and other members of the Royal Family, this morning attended a Private Service in Crathie Parish Church in memory of the late Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and Mrs Blair have left the Castle.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 31: The Princess Royal. accompanied by Commodore Timothy Laurence RN, this afternoon attended the International Festival of the Sea in Portsmouth Harbour, Hampshire.

Anniversaries

Edward Alleyn, actor-manag-er, founder of Dulwich Coll-ege, London, 1566; Giacomo

Torelli, stage designer, Fano. Italy, 1608: Marguerite Gardi-ner, Countess of Blessington, novelist, Knockbrit, Co Tip-

perary, 1789; Engelbert Hum-

perdinck, composer, Sieg-burg, Germany, 1854; Carl Auer von Welsbach, chemist

and physicist, Vienna, 1858;

Sir Roger Casement, Irish nationalist, Kingstown, Co

Dublin, 1864; James Corbett (Gentleman Jim). heavy-weight boxing champion 1892-97, San Francisco, 1866; Edgar

Rice Burroughs, novelist, cre-

ator of Tarzan, Chicago, 1875.

Nicholas Breakspear, Pope

Adrian IV 1154-59, Anagni,

Italy, 1159: Jacques Cartier

navigator, St Malo. 1557; Louis

XIV. King of France 1643-1715,

Versailles, 1715; Sir Richard

Steele, essayist, Carmarthen,

1729; William Clark, explorer, St Louis, 1838; Sir Richard

Westmacott. sculptor. London, 1856; Sir James

Pennethorne, architect, Worcester Park, Surrey, 1871;

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor,

composer, Croydon, 1912

W.W. Jacobs, short story writ-

er, London, 1943; Siegfried

Sassoon, poet and novelist,

Heytesbury, Wiltshire, 1967;

François Mauriac, novelist

Britain signed peace with the

The state of Lebanon was

created by the French,

The Shape of Things to Come by H.G. Wells was published, 1933.

Germany invaded Poland,

and poet, Paris, 1970.

Zulu chiefs, 1879.

DEATHS

today

BIRTHS:

Royal engagements

The Duke of York will visit the Alfred McAlpine Stadium in Huddersfield at 10.30; will visit the Kirklees Media Centre Cyber Café, 7 Northumberland Street, at 10.55; as Patron, the Fire Service Sports and Athletics Association, will attend the opening ceremony of the Fire Services European Volleyball Championships at the Huddersfield Sports Centre at 11.45; and will open the new Professional Golfers' Association offices and reopen the Brabazon Golf Course at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield at 2.30.

Birthdays today

Mr D.A. Baldwin, former chairman of the board, Hewlett-Packard, 62: Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, former Clerk of the House of Commons. 76: Mr Alan Carr. former senior partner, Simmons & Simmons, 62; Professor Sir David Carter, clinical surgeon, 58; Professor Ronald Cooke, Vice-Chancellor. York University, 57: Mr Joe Earle, arts management consultant, 46; Miss Gloria Estefan, singer, 41; Mr Gwynfor Evans, honorary life president, Plaid Cymru, 86; Mrs Margaret Ewing, MP, 53; the Marquess of Exeter, 63: Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Freer, 75: Mr Barry Gibb, singer, 55; Mr Ruud Gullit, football manager, 36; Mr Allen Jones, artist, 61; the Earl of Lisburne, 80; Lord O'Neill, 65; Baroness Park of Monmouth. 77; Lord Parkinson, 67: Sir Austin Pearce, former chairman, British Aerospace, 77; Mr Donald Piggott, former director-general, British Red Cross Society, 78: Mr Manuel Pinero, golfer, 46: Mr Milton

School news

Shulman, film and theatre

critic, 80.

Term begins on Tuesday, September 8, 1998. The Head Boy is Daniel Benstead (Rammell), the Head Girl is Elizabeth Pack (Webster Girls'), the Senior Boarder is Sarah Clark (Blubery) and the Senior Day Student is Rory Padfield (Webster Boys). There are two Information Mornings for parents interested in 1999 entry to Cranbrook on Saturday. September 26 for 13+ entrants, and Saturday, October 10 for 16+ entrants. Term ends with the Carol Service in St Dunstan's on Friday.

Prior's Field School, Godalming. Term starts on Wednesday, September 2. Emma Dewfall is Head Girl and Catherine Ballantine is Deputy. Term ends with the Carol Service in Charterhouse Chapel at 2.00pm on December 9, followed by a Christ-mas Fair at School. Old Girls

Evening will be on September 8,

Cranbrook School, Cranbrook, Queen Margaret's School, York Autumn Term begins on Thursday, September 3 and ends after the Junior and Senior Carol Services on December 9. Tessa Dougvices on December 9, Tessa Doug-las-Hamilton is Head Girl, Amy Wheeldon Deputy Head Girl. Alex Robinson is Captain of Lacrosse and Rebecca Finch Captain of Hockey. Dr Wayne Sleep, OBE, will be giving Dance Workshops on September 13. Mr Nicholas Ross of Art History Abroad will deliver the Public Lecture entitled deliver the Public Lecture entitled 'Iconography in Baroque Painting and Modern Advertising' on November 12 at 8.00pm. The Chaplain of the College of Ripon and St John, York, the Rev Greg Hoyland, will celebrate at the St Margaret's Day Eucharist on November 18. The school production of The Canterville Chost will take place on November 25, 26, 27 and 28. The Old Margaretians Association reunion takes place in London on October 10. Past pupils interested in attending should contact Caroline Neal c/o Queen

The night sky in September By MICHAEL J. HENDRIE ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is a morning star rising nearly two hours before the Sun on the 1st. The -1.0 magnitude inner planet should be visible in the dawn sky during the first ten days of September but will be closing with the Sun to be at superior confunction on the 25th. It will then emerge from the far side of the Sun into the evening sky but will be too near the Sun for observation.

On the 7th it passes about a degree north of the 1st magnitude star Regulus in Leo and on the 11th it will be only a Moon's diameter north of

Venus is also a morning star but a very much brighter -3.9 magnitude. It can be seen in twilight rising two hours before the Sun on the 1st but only an hour before sunrise by the 30th. Venus passes just to the north of Regulus on the 6th: near Mercury on the 11th. Mars is a morning object

passing from Cancer into Leo in mid-month. The 1.7 magnitude red planet rises about 02h throughout the month, its eastward motion against the stars keeping pace with the Sun's eastward motion along the ecliptic. The waning crescent Moon passes two degrees to the south on the 17th.

Jupiter is in Aquarius, the -2.9 magnitude giant planet coming to opposition on the loth when it will be due south at midnight (Olh BST). Moon nearby on the 7th.

passes from Cetus back into Pisces in mid-month. By the end of September Saturn is rising only an hour after sunset. Moon nearby on the Uranus is in Capricornus

and S.8 magnitude, setting soon after midnight by the 30th. Moon to the north on the 3rd-4th. Neptune is 7.9 magnitude

moving from Capricornus into Sagittarius in mid-September. Moon to the north on the 3rd and 30th. The Moon: full 6d Ilh: last quarter 13d 02h; new Moon

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Chief Defence Logistics,

01/09/98; Sir Rupert Smith, D SACEUR, 30/11/98

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Army Presentation Team CGS. 31/08/98; D G Lyon,

Regimental Colonel RHQ RA,

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Late RAOC, retires 31/08/98.

12/11/98

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Comd Ops SFOR, 14/09/98

Appointments

in the Forces

Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for

Persei, is also called Algol or

the Demon Star and has long

been known to vary in bright-

It was first studied methodi-

cally by John Goodricke in

1782. He established that the

star fades from 2.1 to 3.4

magnitude every 69 hours taking about five hours to

fade and another five hours to

recover normal brightness. It

is the brightest example of an

eclipsing binary star where

two close stars are revolving

about each other in an orbit so

inclined that one passes in

front of the other as seen from

the Earth. When the fainter

passes in front of the brighter,

the light we see is reduced

Shoestring charity fights for

Kabul's plundered treasures

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

Run on a shoestring,

SPACH has given hope to what remains of Afghani-

stan's cultured class that

something of the rich history

The organisation has finan-

ced rescue work in the rains of

the Kabul Museum itself.

wrecked by shellfire several

years ago in the incessant

fighting between Taleban

and other factions, and

hundreds of archaeological

finds were sifted from the

A photo inventory of the

surviving materials and circulation of photographs of the

most striking looted objects to

aid in their recovery from the

international art market are

being supported by Unesco

and Taleban's Ministry of

Nancy Dupree, who wrote

the first guide to the museum

four decades ago and was the inspiration behind SPACH.

has also been able to visit

threatened archaeological

sites to assess their condition.

Culture in Kabul.

of the "crossmads of Asia"

may eventually survive.

region. The Earth: the autumn equinox is at 23d 06h. Sunset on the 1st is at 18h 50m and on the 30th at 17h 40m while sunrise is at 05h

early and late in the month and begins again at 03h 00m and 04h 05m. The constellation Perseus is now moving into a more favourable position for observation in the evening sky and

AMID the chaos of war-torn

Afghanistan, a Pakistan-

based charity is recovering

archaeological treasures from

More than £10,000 has been

spent in the bazaars of Pesha-

war, at the foot of the Khyber Pass in Pakistan's North West

Frontier Province, and in Ka-

bul itself: some 1,500 pieces

have been saved, dating from

the Bronze Age to the historic

Funding for the Society for

the Preservation of Afghani-.

stan's Cultural Heritage

(SPACH) has come mainly

from foreign governments, es-pecially Greece, Cyprus and

The Netherlands, which to-

ether contributed more than

£44,000 last year. Other EU

countries and Norway and

Portugal also supported

SPACH, but the British Gov-

Unfortunately, according to

Professor A.H. Dani, one of

Pakistan's leading archaeolo-

gists, foreign diplomats are also the main purchasers of

looted Afghan antiquities.

ernment gave nothing.

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the looted Kabul museum.

each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the senith being at the centre.

over a period of five hours by star moves on the brightness increases again. There is a brighter passes in front of the

Algol can be seen when faint this month at about the

from night to night. This retrograde, motion, which hegan on July 18, will contine until Nevember 14 when ter will again begin to Air the outer planets show

this change of direction which is due to the Earth overtaking them. The Earth's orbit is smaller and, being nearer to the Sun, the Earth also moves along its orbit faster than the outer planets move along

The motions of the outer planets along their orbits do not really change as the Earth overtakes them; they just ippear to do so, the planets being left behind by the faster moving Earth. Against the background of very distant stars they appear to retrograde or reverse direction. The same effect can be seen on a motorway where lanes of vehicles are travelling at dif-

ferent speeds. While to see much detail on the face of Jupiter requires a telescope, the four great satel-lites discovered in 1610 by Galileo can be seen in binoculars. These change their position from night to night and not all may be visible at once. They can at times line up to the east or west and one ormore may be eclipsed or occulted by Jupiter. Their movements can be followed in detail in a small telescope.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J.S. Banton and Miss T.C. Hooper The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tonathan Banton, of Merrow Guildford, and Tarusin; Mr D.A. MacCormick

and Dr L. Harding
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Somerset, and Liza, daughter Mr and Mrs Nictiolas Wilkes, Mr R.L. Winston

The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Berl Winston; of mpscott. Massachusetts, USA and Jennifer, younger daughte Mr and Mrs Ian Wheater, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Marriage

Mr P.C. Morgan and Miss A.S. Ster The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, August 29, in London, of Peter, son of the late Mr and Mrs Charles Morgan, to Angela, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs William Stevens.

Latest wills

Sir Isaiah Berlin, President of the British Academy 1974-78, of Headington, Oxford, left estate valued at £1.516.473

Katrina Hannan, of London

W2, left estate valued at E6,630,732 net John George Bilton, of Ashington, Northumberland,

John Omand Brough, of Up per Gravenhurst, Bedfordshire, left estate valued at

left estate valued at £4,347,013

£3.217.541 net. Michael Robert Boulton, of Great Dunmow, Essex, left estate valued at £2,131,886 net. Ruth Margaret Llewellin Winkworth, of Sunningdale, Ascot. left estate valued at £2,063,559 net.

Alan Cyril Heber-Percy. of Upper Slaughter, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,100,309 net. Frances Constance Lee Hulse, of Seaford, Sussex, left estate valued at £1,033,388 net.

Mayo Jackson, of Leeds, left estate valued at £1,043,325

net.
He left £1,000 each to Leeds Jewish
Welfare Board, Leeds (\$3) University
Hospital Special Trusters. St
Gemma's Hospice, Leeds, Demal
School of Tel-Aviv, Israel, and Leeds
Jewish Bitnd Sodery. Kenneth Alfred Purchas, of

London WI, left estate valued at £2,202,589 net. Mariorie Anne Rangelcy-Wilson, of Thornham, Hunstan-

ton. Norfolk, left estate valued at £1,445,304 net. Frank Stanley Thorne, of West Byfleet, Surrey, left es-tate valued at £1,117,695 net. He left £500 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

lvy Maud Wilson, of Rock End. Torquay, Devon, left estate valued at £1,030,235 net.

SOUTH HORIZON The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the

20d 17h; 1st quarter 28d 21h. There will be a penumbral eclipse of the Moon on the 6th Saturn is 0.1 magnitude and visible from the Pacific Ocean

> 10m and 06h 00m on the same dates. Astronomical twilight ends at 21h 00m and 19h 30m

will be conveniently placed until next March. The second brightest star in Perseus, Beta

1.3 magnitudes, and as the fainter, but this is not detectable to the naked eye. A third star in the system was discovered in 1974.

following times: 7d 03h, 9d 23h, 12d 20h and 30d 01h. In strict terms these are occultations and not eclipses, an occultation being when one body passes in front of another and an eclipse when a body passes into the shadow of another. Thus a lunar

At Bamiyan, high in the

Hindu Kush range, the great tock-cut Buddhas are still in

fair condition, she reported, in

spite of threats from a local

Taleban leader to destroy

them as "un-Islamic" images.

man vandalism is the poten-

tial damage from bombs," she

said. "The Barniyan Valley

has been bombed from three

to six times a month. Last year

one bomb fell only ten metres

behind the head of the largest

Buddha, and the brittle rock is

particularly susceptible to the

British supporters of

SPACH have been distressed

to learn of the destruction of

the Minar-i-Chakari, a ritual

pillar nearly two millennia

old, which was studied by the

late John Irwin and repaired

Although it was documen-

ted as in good condition this

January by the new Afghan

voluntary body devoted to preserving the country's heri-tage, by April it was merely a

with British funds.

shock waves."

"More worrisome than hu-

Church news

The Rev Robin Paterson, Vicar, Leeds All Souls (Ripon): to be Vicar, Middleton St Mary the Virgin (same diocese). The Rev Alan Pyke, Rector,

Creeting St Mary, Creeting St, Peter and Earl Stonham w Stonham Parva (St Edmundsbury & lpswich): to be *Curate (to be known as Senior Assistant Priest), Filby, Thrigby, Mauthy, Stokesby, Billockby (Norwich).

The Rev John Wall, Curate, Brighton St Peter w Chapel Royal (Chichester): to be Team Vicar, Newbury Wash Common with special responsi-bility for St George (Oxford). The Rev Dick Woodger, Team Rector, Headley All Saints (Guildford): to be Team Rector, Penrith w Newton Reigny and Plumpton Wall (Carlisle).

Retirements and resignations The Rev Douglas Bridge-Collyns, Vicar, Whatton w Aslockton, Hawksworth.

Scarrington, Orston and Thoroton (Southwell) retired June 30. The Rev John Hillman, Team

Vicar, The Syston Tearh Ministry (Leicester) retired August

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only I could go bank to the old days, to the time when God was weathing over me, when his lamp above above my head and, by its Hight I walked through darkness, job 29 :2,3

BIRTHS GOLDEN - On Friday August 28th 1998 to Claudia (née Bernard) and Jonathan, a son, Theo Franses, a brother for Louiss. OTOOLE - To Jim and Sandra (neé Armstroug) daughter, Katle, on 25th August 1998 at High Wycombe.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

TTERTONMEMATION - On September 1st 1948 in Salisbury, Wiltshire, David Valentine Atterton to Shells Ann McMahon. They give thanks for 50 wonderful years together.

DEATHS

HOLMAN - Alva Grace Woodman (Pip), (use Burbidge). On 28th August, aged 85, peacefully at home. Devoted wife of the late Geraid Holman, much Gerald Holman, much loved mother of Carol and the late Rodney, and loving grandmother of Fions and Nicola. Private cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St. Andrew's Church.

St. Andrew's Church, Orshott on Thursday 3rd September at 3.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o James & Thomas Ltd, Funeral Directors, Mill Road, Coham, KT11 3AT. (01932) 362009.

DEATHS HOREY - Maurice Charles died unexpectedly but peacefully on Sunday August 23rd 1986, agad 72. He was a loving and caring husband to his wife

Margaret and a proud and devoted father to his sons Richard and Paul. He was an adoring grandfather of Richard and rose, an adoring grandfather of Laura and Rose and will be sadly missed by his daughter-to-laws Sharon, and Joanna, and his brother Peter.

wife of Roger and mother of Simon and Suzie. Died of Simon and Suris. Died peacefully at home on August 27th. Private cremation followed by memorial service at St. Staphea's Church, Lansdown Road, Bath, at 2.30pa., on Priday September 4th. No flower please, but doesnions for Macmillan Nurses. Ban Nurses.

MANDELL - On 25th Augus
1998, Allada Barbara
Mandell (nde GranvilleWella), aged 78 died of
Cancer in Holsworthy
Hospital, Devon,
Cremation at The North
Devon Crematorium,
Barnstaple at 3.00pm on
Friday September 4th,
Fumeral arrangements by
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MASSY - Lieutenant Colonel
Hugh Peter Stokes, late of
the Royal Tank Regiment,
on August 27th 1998, aged
84 years. Dearly loved
father of Diana and
Pauline, grandfather of
Kate, James and Louise
and great grandfather of
Rachel and Ashlesh,
Funeral Service at
Weymouth Crematorium
on Wednesday September

on Wednesday Septem 9th at 12:30pm. Family 9th at 12:30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to either the Royal Tank Regiment Benevoles Fund or the World Cancer Research Fund, c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1TW. Family and friends walcome at Long Acre. Owermoigne afterwards.

NUMN - Kenneth, died Wedneeday 26th August 1998. Funeral at Amersham Free Church on Friday 4th September at 3.30pm. Afterwards all will be welcome in the church room for refreshments. In then of flowers, donations can be made to WORKAID, c/o Cooks Funeral Service, 72 Eroad

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Tel:01962 844044.

Whitely - Sheens (née Whitehead), of Petersfield, Hampshire, on 29th August 1998. Widow of Frank, very much loved mother, grandmother, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, aunt and friend. Enquiries to Jno. Steel and Son, Winchest WESTLEY - Peacefully at Ayr Hospital, Scotland, or Priday 28th August 1998, Florence, Beloved wife of Kanneth Ewart and the late Professor Alexander

RETERSON - On August
20th after an illness
bravely boxne, Mary of
Gosforth, Newcastle Upon
Tyne, much loved wifs
Stuart, mother of Jams and
grandmother of Katis and
Timothy, Funeral service
at West Road
Crematorium, Newcastle,
on Friday 4th September
at 11.30sm. All enquiries
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(Subten - Michael Inn Bowstead, on August 21 1998, suddenly at home. Funeral at St Michael's Warden on Monday September 7th at 3pm.

ALCHAN - Joy, peacafully on August 24th. Widow of David and annch loved by her children Caroline, Mayrick and Juliet Beebee, and her stap-children John, Peter and Diana, and her grandchildren Sacha,

John, Peter and Dinna, and her grandchildren Sacha, Anne, Estin, Robert, Lucy, Janes, Emily, Tinothy, Richard, Andrew and Tilly, Funeraly Thunkupiving Service at 3.00pm, Thursday 10th September at 52. Peters & Holy Cross, Wherwell, Funtly Howers only, Donathous if desired to Countees of Brackmack Hespics' c/e Dunning Funeral Service, 2 Church Closs, Andover, Hants, SPJ0 1DP, Tel: 01284 334425

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WADE - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Reland Heary Wade will be held at the Priory Church of St. Mary and St Cuthbert, Bolton Abbey, Skipton, North Yorkshire on Thursdey 17th September at 1.00 pm. IN MEMORIAM -

SERRAWOOD - Toby, died September 1st 1995, in Medagascar. Beloved son of Nigel and Dinna and brother of Lucy and Huge A free spirit so desperatel missed.

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OBITUARIES

THE REV DONALD ENGLISH

The Rev Donald English, CBE, former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council and President of the Methodist Conference, died of heart trouble on August 28 aged 68. He was born on July 20, 1930.

onald English was the only minister ever to be President of the Methodist Conference twice. He was also Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, and came to epitomise the World Methodist Council.

In the course of his work he met world leaders ranging from the Queen to P. W. Botha and F. W. de Klerk, and also led Bible studies in Parliament, but he retained his imaginative ability to step into the worlds of audiences of any age and very varied backgrounds. He broadcast to millions in Thought for the Day on Radio 4, and was adept at turning small incidents or apercus to account. His figures of speech were often striking, as when he said, somewhat bewilderingly:

"Our believing has become fragmented - more like a bag of marbles than a bunch of grapes." When preaching he could be very animated, and he was not afraid to laugh or to cry in the pulpit, and in 1991 in Singapore he wept openly while expressing his grief at white racism.

He believed that the struggle for social justice was a crucial part of the mission of the Church, and constantly related his teaching to the conditions he found around him in the everyday world. He contributed a chapter, for example, to a book about the challenge of the Aids crisis in the 1980s, and he led the development of the "Mission Alongside the Poor" programme, taking the Gospel to some of Britain's most deprived areas,

He laid particular emphasis on

the need to convey the historical and scriptural traditions of the Church in contemporary and easily apprehended language. He was, indeed, a great populariser.

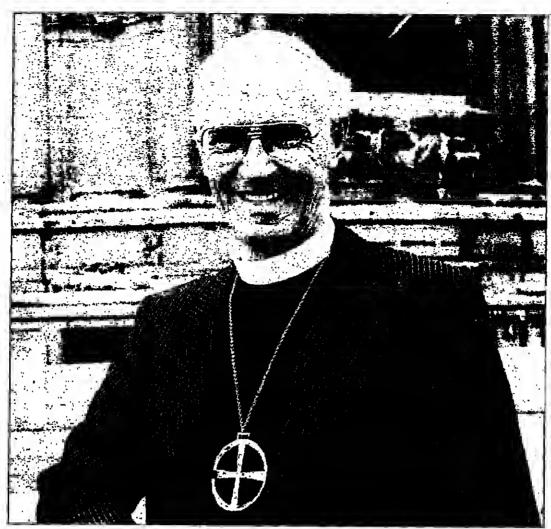
As a preacher he swelled congregations, despite his unusually long sermons, and he was also the author of many books and pamphlets. These included his study of the relation of theology to practical wor-ship. God in the Gallery (1975), Christian Discipleship (1977), Windows on the Passion (1978), Why Believe in Jesus? [1986] Evangelism Now [1985], The Meaning of the Warmed Heart (1988) and Every-thing in Christ (1988). One of his in-ternational Bible studies was printed in 25 languages.

Donald English was born at Consett, Co Durham, the only son of a colliery electrician, Robert English and his wife Ena, and was educated at the local grammar school. From there he moved on to the University College of Leicester (now Leicester University), where he read history for the London University BA, and took a diploma in education, thinking that he might become a history teacher.

He had always attended the local High Westwood chapel, and he played soccer for the Boys Brigade. For a time it looked as though he could make a career in soccer. He played for the Briosh Universides team, and then for Leicester City for two years, and was considered for a place at Sunderland.

He did his National Service with the RAF as an education officer before becoming travelling secretary of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship (now the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship) from 1955 to 1958, responsible for training and evangelism in 11 universities.

Afraid of becoming stale in his dealings with new generations of students, he moved in 1958 to Wes-



lev House in Cambridge, to train for the ministry, and was taught by Michael Skinner and Owen Chadwick. By the time he left, the previously undistinguished Wesley House football team could claim an

After a period as assistant rutor at Wesley College, Headingley, Leeds, he was ordained in 1962. In the same year he married Bertha Ludlow, whom he had met at the Leicester Christian Union, and who was Lady Warden at the

Methodist College in Belfast. Always a missionary in the tradition of the Wesleys, English wanted to preach as widely as possible, and he now went to Nigeria under the aegis of the Methodist Missionary Society, to be tutor at the ecumenical Trinity College in Umuahia in the east of the country. There he told people that the Church must proclaim the Word like a town crier going through the

When he returned to Britain, he was quick to see the passion and enthusiasm in black-led churches. and wished to harness their energy. He urged different faiths to work closely together, and was to serve as chairman of the executive committee of the Nationwide Initiative in Evangelism, of the evangelism committee of the British Council of Churches, and of the Churches Together Co-ordinating Group in

He taught and spoke in places as far apart as Nairobi, Brazil, Israel and South Africa. Wherever he went he made friends, not least be-cause he accepted that the Bridsh way of doing things is not necessarily the only way. In 1966 he began a six-year minis-

try at Cullercoats in Northumberland, but in 1972 he shifted back to college life, becoming tutor in historical theology at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester, and then, when that closed the following year, moving to Wesley College in Bristol, where he was tutor in pracocal theology and Methodism.

Among his innovations in Bristol was the week-long study of a particular local congregation in its social context. Students would make contact with schools, social services and the police, as well as the local minister. At the time some of these excursions were considered by his detractors to be more like ego-trips than field-trips, but they were all part of English's dedication to practical evangelism.

In 1976 he made a great impact with the Bible studies he presented to the 13th World Methodist Conference, held in Ireland, and two years

later, at 47, he was elected President of the Methodist Conference. one of the three youngest men ever

to have held the post.

He launched the programme
"Sharing in God's Mission", galvanising many with the intensity of his vision. He was an expert at delegation, and made others feel that their contributions were worthwhile. He took a special interest in the increasingly popular city-wide ecumenical missions. He was the main speaker at several of these, including "One Voice" in York -where he spoke without notes or a lectern — and "Making Waves" in Plymouth. He also addressed many student audiences at universities.

In 1982 he became leader of the Methodist Home Mission Division, and it was in this capacity that he once had to reply, at a conference, to a crincal speech from the floor which accused the Church of "pussyfooting around". He an-swered the charge firmly, explaining his strategic plans, and then concluded with the words, "Now, Mr President, I'll just pussyfoot

back to my seat."
In 1990 he became President of the Conference for an unprecedent-ed second time. He was not without critics for allowing his name to go forward again, but others felt that his wisdom and wide experience were needed at a difficult and potendally divisive time.

From 1991 to 1996 he was chairman of the World Methodist Council, representing 60 million Methodists, which meant even more requests for him to visit other parts of the globe. At home, when he had ome to relax, he enjoyed gar-dening and walking with his golden retriever.

He was appointed CBE in 1996. His wife died of cancer in 1997. but he is survived by their two sons.

GUY YEOMAN

Guy Yeoman, veterinary surgeon and explorer, died on August 3 aged 78. He was born on July 11, 1920.

A VETERINARY student when the Second World War broke out, Guy Yeoman went to East Africa as a "gentleman of leisure" and developed a lifelong passion for the snowy sources of the Nile and the people of the Rwenzori mountain ranges. He became fluent in Swahili while recruiting troops for the war in Burma in 1942 and later returned to the region as a veteri-Office. This passion resulted in his book Africa's Mountains of the Moon (1989) and in his successful campaign to provide the place and its people with the protection of World Heritage Site status.

On the outbreak of war Yeoman had attempted to join the Army but was at first unable to do so because he was professionally exempted. He persisted, and found himself training troops in East Africa. The sinking of the troopship Khedive Ismail while on passage from Mombasa to Ceylon on February 12, 1944, affected him deeply. Among the 1.511 lives lost were almost all the African troops of his own regiment

The experience left him with a deep sense of debt for the lives of Africans lost during the war. It was a debt he tried to repay throughout the remainder of his life, and the protection of the fragile mountainous area around the sources of the Nile was a lifelong pursuit. After the war he continued his veteri-

nary training, qualifying from the Royal Veterinary College, London, in 1949. He joined the Colonial Office and was posted to East Africa with his young wife Myrtle. His work on the tick-borne cattle disease East Coast Fever was the basis of the thesis which won him his fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. His book The bodid Ticks of Tanzania (jointly written with Dr Jane Walker) was published in 1967. His successful disease control schemes are still largely in place in Tanzania.

During his service in the country he made the first of his many Rwenzori expedidons: the collections of fauna and flora he made for the National Museum of Kenya are recorded on cine film in the family archives.

When Tanzania gained its independence Yeoman returned to Britain in 1962, continuing his veterinary research, first for Astra Hewlett and later for Beecham Pharmaceuticals where he achieved international recognition for his work in veterinary antibiotics.

But he retained his interest in East Africa, continuing his explorations whenever time and circumstances allowed. Although afflicted by increasing deafness (as well as the death of his eldest son), he

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Nightworkers at Woolwich Arsenal are

not without their compensations. Dark-

ness softens the hard, noonday ugliness

of the mighty vibrating world of copper.

steel and iron. The branches of lonely

little trees, standing forlornly in the few

patches of green still left (war-time neces-

sities have absorbed most of them)

dance a spectral minuet in the moon-

light; and on the bordering Thames

shrouded ships come and go in silence

Something of this strong magic of the

night penetrates the big factories filling

the airy vastness with beckoning shad-

ows and covering the busy practical

workers with drama and fantasies. Like

Philoclea of Arcadia a girl is "comfort-

ing her hands to work" by singing, and

in this austere environment her song

sounds sweet as a flute playing in the

wilderness. Even the dark machinery,

fashioning deadly, glittering things pret-ty as a child's plaything, is invested with

that is more lyrical than a song.



ourneyed, often by himself, to the heart of the Rwenzori mountain rantges. He established a close relationship with the Bakonio people of the mountains, still able to converse with them in Swahili, despite his hearing loss. The Bakonjo made him a Mzee (honorary chief) in token of their appreciation of his friendship towards them

The purpose of his expedition of 1984 was to obtain illustrations for his book Africa's Mountains of the Moon and he invited the botanical artist Christabel King to join the party. Her beautiful botanical illustrations feature in the book alongside his superb photographs. An expedioon of 1987 nearly came to grief when it was caught up in inter-tribal fighting. But heroic efforts by two Konjo companions enabled Yeoman and his party to extricate themselves with their maps and

In 1990 Yeoman led a commission of inquiry into local attitudes towards the proposals for a Rwenzori World Heritage Site. He travelled throughout most of the mountain villages, holding public meetings. He was adamant that the people of the mountains should not have their lives disrupted by any changes which might result in the change of status for the area,

most particularly recreational use of the mountains and the intrusive impact that might have on the local way of life.

When the Rwenzori Mountain Services were established under Bakonjo control, the mountain guides built a climbing hut which they named the Guy Yeoman Hut. It was a gesture that touched him deeply. Yeoman also concerned himself with

the social welfare of the people of the Rwenzori region, suggesting schemes to control the size of families, to be paid for by the Kenyan State, and based on the nodon of compensation for months of nonegnancy. A pilot scheme is expected to given a trial in the region this winter. Yeoman passed on his passion for the

mountains not only to his wife and children, but also to his grandchildren. At the age of 69 he and his wife climbed the Ibanroute of the Rwenzori Mountains. With his son he had climbed on Mount Kenya, as well as on several Aloine peaks. including the Matterhorn. In his last years he was afflicted by almost total deafness, but he continued, right to the end of his life, to walk the hills surrounding his home in Edale, Derbyshire,

He is survived by his wife Myrtle and by a son and a daughter.

ON THIS DAY

September 1, 1916

The employment of teenagers in munitions factories illustrates the drain on the nation's manpower after two years of war on sea and land.

a new significance by this nocturnal enchantment. Suddenly the clock strikes Il and the great gong calls the workers to the canteens. At the sound matter-offacmess returns. Music and flowers add beauty and grace to the festival of eating in the big canteen. There is no jostling, no confusion, no emulation. They are obviously all "good pals". Some bring their own food, which is heated up at the counter. Others partake of the excellent meal provided at an astonishingly low sum. Respect for the liberty of the workers' leisure hours is manifested in

the big new canteen for 1,000 boys recently opened. Their ages range from 14 to 18. Some, so small that their heads barely reach the top of the counter, are ordering "meat and two vegetables" at an hour when most of their size are tucked snugly in bed. Others are diving into nautical-looking coloured handkerchiefs, wicker baskets and paper parcels in which they have brought their food. Some are smoking cigarettes, some playing cards, some reading newspapers, and some deep in tales of advennite. These boys, when off duty, have comfortable hostels to live in, motherly women to look after them, recreation grounds to play in, and a seaside camp for holidays. Everywhere one is impressed by the animated "live" look of both girl and boy munition workers, an expression exceedingly rare in this country, where even those who are intelligent seldom look it. Miss Lilian Barker. Superintendent of the Women's section, attributes this to hard work . . .

One can foresee munitions work taking a prominent part in the ordinary school curriculum in years to come . . .

PIROSKA SZANTO

Piroska Szanto, Hungarian artist, writer and broadcaster, died in **Budapest on August 2 aged** 84. She was born on December 7, 1913.

ALTHOUGH her work was little known outside her native Hungary, Piroska Szanto's artisoc and literary output made her a grande dame of the cultural life of her country.

frowned upon her work, but as an artist, writer and broadcaster she won for herself a loyal and enthusiasoc middlebrow-following. With her husband, the poet Istvan Vas, whom she married in 1951, she was at the centre of a warmly hospitable cultural world, whose boundaries were willingly stretched to include interested foreigners. Piroska Szanto was born in

Kiskunfelegyhaza, 80 miles southeast of Budanest, From her early years set herself to be an artist. She combined her art with left-leaning instincts, and in 1934 joined the Socialist Artists Group. During the Sec-ond World War she was active in a leftist underground resistance movement and had, when it was uncovered, to go into hiding on a remote farm. But she was not a communist. Her art was internacionalist and to a degree Western in flavour, and after the war she joined the avowedly European school of Hungarian artists.

In the late 1940s this group, like so many other associations of free spirits, attracted the disfavour of the new Stalinist Government of Hungary. In consequence Szanto was permitted no exhibition of her work from 1949 until after the 1956 Hungarian revolution. But throughout this period, as throughout her life, she went on painting.

She pursued a variety of techniques, whose constant theme was a search for ways to extend the boundaries of representational art. Crucifixes, flowers, well-heads, broken gravestones proliferate; so do ghostly peasant women and - late in her career vaguely erotic impressions of intertwined lovers. It is not great art, but it has an accessible, yet mildly challenging. appeal. Szanto was also a gift ed book illustrator. And in 1989 she finally published a book of the drawings she had made of the 1956 revolution in action, drawings which she kept hidden away for more than 30 years and about which she had written, as late as 1984, that she thought they would never see the light of day in public.

In the introduction to that book, as in four books of memoirs she published. Szanto demonstrated a talent with her pen which was perhaps greater than with her brush she gave her hobbies in the Hungarian Who's Who as "animal protection and prose writing"). She had lived through interesting times, and laid her experiences before readers seeking escape from the grey predictability of Communist

Party orthodoxy. She also, late in life, made herself a much-loved radio and television broadcaster.

She had a quirky, irreverent, throaty way with words and a darting, allusion-filled mind. All this won her a popular following which compensated her for the gently patronising disdain with which some of her contemporaries regarded her work. Szanto and Vas saw themselves as internationalists. In the difficult years that fol-

lowed the 1956 revolution they 100K FISKS 10 maintain co with the outside world. After that catastrophe they were central members of the first group of Hungarian intellectuals to visit Britain as guests of the British Council, in 1960. Thirty years afterwards, Piroska Szanto could still con-

vulse her friends with richly flavoured, ironical accounts of the typical Bridshness she claimed she had encountered then; and then go on to move them to tears with the impressions stamped upon her mind by this first visit to a free country and to friends of Hungary there, impressions which she treasured ever afterwards. Istvan Vas died in 1992; they had no children.



A study by Piroska Szanto depicting a scene from the Hungarian uprising of 1956, featuring resisting students

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Green-fingered entrepreneurs are using their horticultural skills to develop thriving operations

Enterprise has roots in potting shed

TO MANY people, gardening is a thing to do in retirement and flower business benefited." arranging is strictly for the WI, but, for 32-year-old Stephen Woodham, flowers and gardens have always been a passion. They have also made him one of the strongest names in the booming industry of landscape architecture, and his con-temporary garden designs have won him the reputation of "the rebel" of Chelsea Flower Show.

Over the past ten years, by work-Over the past ten years, by working on average 120 hours a week, Mr Woodham has built up a client list thal includes Shirley Bassey, Nicole Farhi, Ralph Lauren, French Connection, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and No 10 Downing Street.

He started Woodhams, a landscape and floristry design company, in 1988 with a Youth Enterprise Scheme grant of £40 a week. His assets were an old Ford Escort and a

potting shed in his garden.
The launch coincided with Britain heading into recession. "Looking back it was the worst and best time to start," Mr Woodham says. cial responsibility of a new business together with the pressure of a mortgage on a house that had gone into negative equity. But because most people were in the same boat, with negative equity meaning they couldn't sell their houses, it meant they were developing what they were stuck with — their gardens.



Woodham: 120-hour weeks

Much of his work initially came from contacts he had made while training at the Royal Horticultural Society's Wisley centre. However, his big break came in 1989, when he was walking past the Ralph Lau-ren boutique in Bond Street. "The store looked wonderful, but it needed bringing alive with flowers," Mr Woodham said. "I asked if they'd like some garlands for Christmas. I quoted and got the job. It was a really exciting and lucky time."

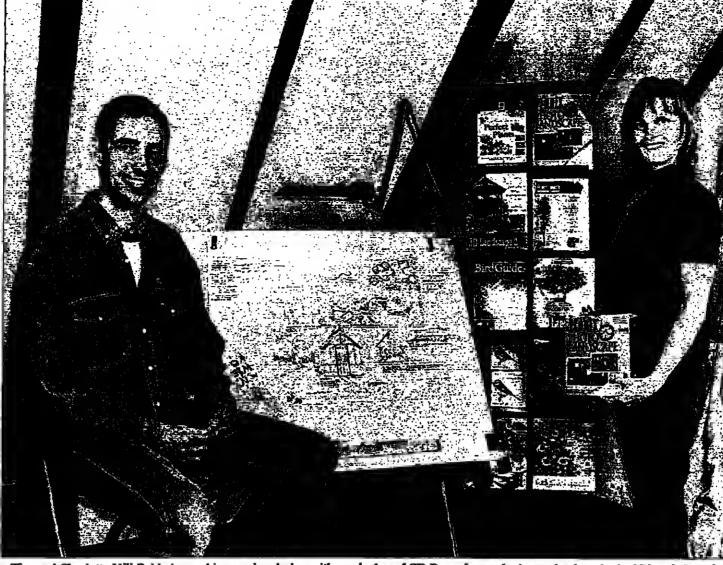
The luck continued, with Anne

Boyd, creative director at Ralph Lauren, introducing him to many people in UK fashion and interior design. As word of his flair for innovative designs spread, Mr Wood-ham was asked to design floral layouts for events such as a G8 sum-mit, the British Antique Dealers' Fair and Society weddings.

Mr Woodham says that winning a gold medal at Chelsea in 1994 meant that demand for his land-scaping and floral designs "dou-bled almost overnight". He now employs 23 people and says: "Woodharns would not be the success that it is without this team — it is incredi-bly strong and talented." The busi-ness operates from offices at his 5.000 sq ft London warehouse. Mr Woodham is constantly think-ing of ways to develop the business,

and is opening a shop at No 1 Ald-wych, a London hotel known for its trendy clientele. He said: "It's lowkey at the moment - just vases and Perspex containers and matt and glazed porcelain, but we are also planning a range of garden tools and furniture." His book, Flower Power, looking at the use of colour and out-of-fashion flowers, is to be published by Quadrille this month.

He still works seven-day weeks.
His days can start at 3am, buying at Covent Garden flower market, and go on until late evening. He says: "It doesn't feel like work — I have it it it what I always was to de love it: it's what I always wanted to do. My advice to anyone thinking of starting a business is research it. and go out there and do it."



Tim and Charlotte Hill-Baldwin combine garden design with marketing of CD-Roms for gardening enthusiasts in the UK and abroad

Pair sell software for gardeners

By DAVID ASKHAM

TIM and Charlotte Hill-Baldwin are garden designers specialising in restoring large period gardens and they have an impressive portfolio of achievement, mainly in Wiltshire. A key feature of their work is striving for excellence in design and execution. For example, sub-contractors are told to remove all debris; oot even a cigarette end can be discarded in a client's garden.

As their success grew, inquiries came from wider afield and gave the pair an interesting dilemma. Should they expand their business by recruiting teams to help them? The recession in the early 1990s prompted a cautious approach and expansion was deferred partly because, in 1995, the pair found a promising new business opportunity that would capitalise on their garden design expertise.

CD-Roms were beginning to ap-pear on the market, and several focused on do-it-yourself. They presented easily accessible gardening information split evenly between landscape design programmes and pictorial plant encyclopaedias. However, the Hill-Baldwins found that the CD-Roms were competing with a multitude of other software. Serious gardeners were unlikely to take the trouble to sort out the most

worthwhile, The obvious route was to self garden-themed CD-Roms in garden centres, a market that the Hill-Baldwins knew very well. So Howit and Mowit, the original compa-ny set up in 1988 for professional garden maintenance and design, added a sister company in 1995 for the sole purpose of marketing gar-den-themed CD-Roms to leading garden centres throughout the United Kingdom,

The company is based near Devizes, and its initial clients were located in Wiltshire. The owner of the highly successful Whitehall garden centre, near Chippenham, was very enthusiastic and was the first to promote the product on a

specially designed merchandiser. Because the Hill-Baldwins were clearly moving into a oew business area, they sought help from their bank manager, who, in turn, sug-gested that they approach Business Link West Wiltshire in Trow-bridge. Their consultant offered general advice on marketing, expansion and the preparation of business plans and forecasting. After sifting through the wealth

of information given, the Hill-Baldwins made the most of Business Link's export help, particularly in interpreting the specialised jargoo and in negotiating bureaucratic procedures that can easily de-ter small businesses from tackling export markets.
As a result of help from Business

Link, agencies have been set up in South Africa and North America, and there are good prospects of others in Japan and Sweden.

Howit and Mowit: 01380 848118



Horwath Franchising, part of the Horwath business services group, is holding seminars in London for franchisers and their support staff. The first. How to market your franchise", is on September 8. Details: Brian Duckett, 0171-917 9824.

The problems of keeping businesses afloat will be discussed at a breakfast meeting called by the European Federation of Black Women Business Owners at the Midland Bank's Thames Exchange branch in the City of London on September 22. The meeting is part of the federation's programme of business breakfasts sponsored by Midland. The following meeting, on November 3, will discuss preparations for the euro. Inquiries: 0171-978 9488.

Stewart Clark, of the family business department of the accountancy firm BDO Stoy Hayward in Glasgow, which helped to form an advice group on succession, has written Family Businesses: Planning the Handover (W. Green and the Institute of Chartered Account-ants of Scotland, El9.99). Mr Clark says only 30 per cent of such compa-nies reach the next generation, mainly because of sibling rivalry and failure to confront succession issues. Inquiries: 0141-248 376L

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NEW DEAL FOR LONE PARENTS

Innovative Pilots

The Government (Department for Education and Employment in partnership with the Department of Social Security) is seeking proposals for pilots from organisations in the private, public and voluntary sectors including those representing ethnic minorities to test new and innovative ways to build on existing New Deal for Lone Parents (NDLP) provision to:

improve lone parents' prospects within the labour market;

increase take-up and participation in NDLP.

Pilots will be run in a small number of areas (a maximum of 10) for 12 months. Depending on the degree of success, the innovative schemes implemented in some or all of the pilots may be applied Around £7.5 million has been set aside to fund the pilots. It is expected that bidders will provide

estimated unit costs for each successful placement and an overall bidding price. Some payment will The New Deal for Lone Parents is a voluntary service aimed at those lone parents on Income Support whose children are of school age. This group will be actively encouraged to participate. The service is

also available to lone parents with younger children who choose to put themselves forward. A wide range of proposals are sought by the Government which does not totend to be prescriptive

about the approaches to be employed. A key feature of any bid should explain how bidders intend to make their services accessible to lone parents. Pointers to assist bidders are:

work focused education and training to enhance prospects of finding work;

· ways to increase take on and participation in NDLP;

 ways to improve prospects of lone parents to take and/or increase paid work; · ways for lone parents to sustain worthwhile jobs;

ways to improve job readiness of lone parents to increase their employment opportunities;

 providing opportunities for lone parents to undertake work experience; Organisations wishing to develop innovative proposals are invited to express their interest now.

Appraisal Questionnaire and the New Deal for Lone Parents Operational Vision will be issued. Consultation conferences are planned for week commencing 21 September 1998. The conferences will be held in England, Scotland and Wales. Details of the dates and venoes will be included in the information pack. Responses to the Supplier Appraisal Questionnaire will be used to enable the Employment Service to draw up a short list of organisations to be invited to tender. Attendance at

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the conference is optional. It is not essential to attend in order to submit a bid! It is intended that any Invitations to Tender will be issued by 29 October 1998. The pilots will run for approximately 12 months from February/March 1999. Expressions of interest and completed Supplier Appraisal Questionnaires should be sent to John Jones (address below) no later than 14 October 1998. Late applications will not be accepted. Employment Service, New Deal for Lone Patents Innovative Pilots, Level 10, Moorfoot,



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Mooring charges not ship dues

Council, Ex parte Prankerd Before Mr Justice Lightman [Judgment July 24]

Mooring charges did not constitute "ship dues" within the meaning of section 26(3) of the Harbour Act 1964.

A harbour authority therefore had no power to distrain on a private yacht for non-payment of mooring fees, since the right to distrain conferred by section 44 of the Harbour, Oocks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 was exerciseable only in respect of non-payment of ship dues as defined in section 57(1) of the 1964 Act.

Mr Justice Lightman, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in a reserved judgment, when granting the application of Patricia Prankerd for judicial review of the decision of the respondent, Carrick District Council as harbour authority, of November 28, 1995 to distrain upon her private yacht, the Winnie Rigg, when she fell into arrears in payment of her mooring fees, and making a declaration that such decision was unlawful and void.

Mrs Prankerd in person; Mr Timothy Mould for Carrick Dis-trict Council; Mr Timothy Brenton, QC, as amicus curiae.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that section 44 conferred upon harbour authorities power to distrain on ships or vessels "used in navigation" for "ship dues", as those terms were used in section 26(3) of the 1964 Act.

In re University of

Before Lord Justice Swinton

Thomas, Lord Justice Waller and

Where no objection was made to a

notice of application to modify or

discharge a restrictive covenant.

there was no presumption that the

restriction should be discharged.

The Lands Tribunal was entitled to

refuse to discharge the restrictions

where it considered the notice of

application to be so unclear that

potential objectors might have

misunderstood it and con-sequently not raised any objection.

The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment when dismiss-

ing an appeal by case stated by the

University of Westminster from the refusal by the President of the

Lands Tribunal to discharge cer-

tain restrictions affecting the land

of which the university was free-

Mr Nicholas Taggart for the

Lord Justice Chadwick

[Judgment July 15]

Westminster

His Lordship found that the Winnie Rigg was a vessel "used in navigation" on November 28 1995, the date of the decision to distrain, and that the authority was clearly empowered to distrain on any ship, whether commercial or private yacht, for non-payment of

by section 44 of the 1847 Act was exerciseable only in respect of nonpayment of ship, passenger and goods dues charged under section 26 of the 1964 Act.

Section 57(1) of the 1964 Act

There was apparently no authority providing any guidance.

were part of the harbour. his Lordship had reached the conclusion that the words bore a more limited meaning and were confined to charges for the use of the harbour and did not extend to

basic concept of harbour legislation that there were two forms of charge, to each of which were attached different incidents.

The due payable for use of a harbour as harbour was of the nature of a tax, whose payment entitled the person making the payment to use of the harbour without interference by the harbour authority, and the payment of the tax was secured by provisions for distraint and the attachment of penaltics in case of evasion of

Those charges were distinguished from charges for the use of other ancillary services such as the use of a crane and mooring rights. The payment of charges for those services was not likewise secured.

The 1964 Act did not depart drastically from the basic concepts which had long been embodied in harbour legislation and in particular Parliament intended in the 1964 Act to perpetuate the divide between the two forms of charge in sections 26 and 27 and the continuing attachment to charges falling within section 26 of the provisions securing their repayment con-ferred by sections 44 and 45 of the

His Lordship found no contraindication in the definition of "harhour" in section 57 of the 1964 Act as meaning a harbour and including a dock or wharf,

The suggestion was made by the authority that the express inclu-sion of dock or wharf was indicative that the word "harbour" included any physical feature question and accordingly extended to moorings.

His Lordship disagreed for two reasons. First, a dock or wharf was, unlike a mooring, usually an essential feature of a harbour. Second, the definition was designed to ensure that a dock or wharf standing alone was afforded the status of a harbour.

The construction favoured by his Lordship accorded with the ap-proach which should be adopted in solving doubts when construing legislation of the character under consideration:

(i) ambiguities in legislation should be resolved against according to a creditor a priority in respect of the recovery of his debt over other creditors and against subjecting property of a debtor to distraint and the debtor himself to payment of a penalty; and

lii) a construction should not be adopted which disturbed long standing and well established features of earlier legislation where there was no apparent reason for such change and no apparent intention on the part of the legislature to make the change and where the language of the statute did not manifest a clear intention to do so.

His Lordship therefore decided that the mooring charges in re-spect of the Winnie Rigg did not constitute ship dues, and that accordingly, the authority had no right to distrain on Winnie Rigg for the mooring charge and that the decision to do so was unlawful and invalid.

Solicitors: Mrs Gail Newton.

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Justification defence not available

press Newspapers plc and Another

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith. Lord Justice Brooke and Sir John Knox

[Judgment July 22]

If an allegedly defamatory newspaper article contained two senarate and distinct stings and a plaintiff complained of the whole article but only complained of one of the stings contained in it, the defendants were not allowed to rely on pleas of justification and fair comment in relation to the

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of Express Newspapers plc and Richard Addis against the refusal by Mr Justice Popplewell on March 9, 1998 of their application to strike out all but one of the pleaded meanings in the statement of claim of the plaintiffs. Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, in an action for libel. The judge also ordered that the plea of justificanon in the delence he struck out.

The Court of Appeal granted the plaintiffs cross-appeal to affirm the judge's order on additional grounds and reinstate the pleaded

The plainuffs were an actor and actress who brought libel proceedings in respect of an article in the magazine section of the Express on Sunday on October S. 1997. Mr Patrick Moloney, QC, for Express Newspapers; Miss Adri-enne Page for Mr Cruise and Miss

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE said that appeals against orders made by judges pursuant to the new jurisdiction under Order \$2. rule 3A of the Rules of the Supreme Court had come before the court on two recent occasions: Hindja v

Asia TV Ltd (The Times December

12. 1997) and Geenty v Channel 4 TV Corporation (The Times Febmary 11, 1998). The approach laid down by Lord Justice Hirst in both those cases was new well settled in the jurisprudence of the Court of Appeal, which was not willing to allow disgrantled litigants to make the useful new rule a fertile

playground for libel lawyers. His Lordship hoped that that message might be picked up by the editors of The Supreme Court Practice in a note to the rule, and that judges might be unwilling to grant leave to appeal against their rulings under Order 82, rule 3A, in particular, their rulings that the words pleaded were capable of bearing the meaning or meanings relied on, except in cases which were clearly fit for further argument in the Court of Appeal.

The appeal by the defendants against the judge's order on the plaintiffs' strike-out application raised a difficult question which had not previously been decided by the court: namely whether, if an article contained two separate and distinct stings, a proposition disputed on the facts of the present case, and a plaintiff complained of the whole article but only complained of one of the stings contained in it, the defendants were to be allowed to rely on pleas of justification and fair comment in

lation to the other sting. Mr Moloney relied on Waters v Sunday Pictorial Newspapers plc [1961] 1 WLR 967) and Lloyd v Express Newspapers plc ICA. unreponed. March 24, 1997).

His Lordship considered authorities including Lucas-Box v News Group Newspapers Ltd (1986) I WLR 147) and Polly Peck (Holdings) plc v Trefford (1986) I QB 1000) which showed that modern practice had moved on since Waters.

A defendant had to plead any

different defamatory stings which he contended the words were capable of bearing as the founda-tion for his plea of justification or fair comment. The focus of a strikeout application was no longer at large, as it was in Waters.
The defendant was now field to

his pleadings, and the plaintiff could apply to have a plea of justification or fair comment struck out if he contended that it was not properly arguable that the words complained of were care ble of bearing the meanings relied on by the defendant; or that a particu-lar meaning, although defamatory, conveyed a separate and distinct sting from that relied on by the plaintiff and the plaintiff made no complaint about that separate

In Polly Peck's case the alternative sting the plaintiffs invited the court to consider was contained in the parts of three articles which they had deliberately omined from

the parts were not severable in that way, and a plaintiff was obliged to complain of the whole of a publicaoon as being defamatory of him. the defendants were entitled to justify a separate defamatory sting I which he did not complain: see Bookbinder v Tebhii (1987) I WLR 640, 646-71.

However, Miss Page said that the passage in Bookbinder's case provided no authority for the proposition that if words containing a particular sting of which the plaintiffs complained were inextricably mixed up with words containing a separate and distinct sting of which they did not complain, the defendants would be entitled to adduce evidence in iustification of the latter sting.

The point had in lact already attracted anention in United States Tobacco International Inc v BBC (unreported March II, 1988) where the court considered the words complained of contained two stings and the majority (Lord Justice Furchas and Lord Justice Nicholls) considered that the two could not properly be treated as separate and distinct.

The case was notable for a passage in the judgment of Lord Justice Nicholls addressing an argument similar to that put by Mr Moloncy to the effect that in Polly Peck Lord Justice O'Connor was not envisaging a situation in which the two separate and dis-

among the words complained of in the statement of claim. Lord Justice Nicholls rejected the argument that severance of a defamatory statement of which a plaintiff complained from a defamatory statement of which he did not complain could only arise where the defendant was seeking

to avoid the trial getting out of control was by way of admissions the plaintiffs were willing to make. the observations of the court were persuasive, but not binding authority. Apparently to contrary effect was the judgment of Lord Bingham, Lord Chief Justice, in

Lloyd v Express Newspapers. In his Lordship's judgment Lord Justice Nicholls correctly set out the relevant principles. His Lordship shared his unwillingness and that of Lord Justice Russell, to accept that the length and cost of a libel action had to be greatly extended simply because it was not easy for the pleader to extricate the sting or sings of which his client complained from the words surrounding them, which might contain a quite separate and

The leading judgments of the Court of Appeal from Allsop v Church of England Newspapers Ltd | 1972 | 2 QB | 601 onwards had been concerned to control the scope of this type of litteation and then was no logical basis for the supposed rule for which Mr Moloney contended.

It was no defence to a charge that "You called me A" to say "Yes. but I also called you B on the same occasion, and that was true", if the second charge was separate and distinct from the first.

It might in any given case be difficult to decide whether the two charges were indeed separate and distinct, but whether they were or not was a quescon of law which could conveniently be determined on an interlocutory application.

The appeal would be dismissed and the cross-appeal allowed. Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Sir John Knox agreed.

Solicitors: Henry Hepworth:

to justify something not found in the statement of claim His Lordship noted that as the Immediate custodial sentence

N v R (Non-molestation order: Breach)

Where a woman was subjected to a violent attack in her own home in breach of a non-molestation order excluding the perpetrator from the area around her home, an immediare custodial sentence was required. A suspended sentence pave the false impression that the first attack in breach of such an order would have no immediate effect.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Judge, Lord Justice Buxton and Mr Justice Buckley) so held on July 23, allowing N's appeal under section 13(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1960 against a

suspended prison sentence on R of one month for contempt of court and imposing an immediate one

for breach of order

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE said that a serious hreach ol a non-molestation order had been committed. Normally the court would not interfere in respect of the appropriate penalty for contempt of court, but the jurisdiction existed in section 13(2) of the 1960 Act: see Wilson 11 Webster (The Times March 5, 1998;]1998] 1 FLR

The jurisdiction should be used sparingly. A semence should not be increased unless it was unduly

In this case a woman in her own home was the victim of a serious attack when she not unreasonably assumed that the court's order gave her some protection from

If that were not met by immediare imprisonment the likely mess-age it would give was that the first attack in breach of such an order could take place and the perpetrator could escape immediate punishment.

If that were so the court order would be illusory. It should bite immediately and the person in breach ought to recognise that there would be immediate punishment.

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The critical question was therefore whether the mooring charges in respect of the Winnie Rigg constituted ship dues.

defined ship dues as "charges in respect of any ship for emering, using or leaving the harbour". The question was whether the mooring charges were charges for using the harbour.

The words in question were ca-pable of being construed as encompassing any charge relating to the use by a ship of any facility within the geographical limits of the harbour, and accordingly relating to the use of moorings which But after careful consideration.

charges for the use of any additional or optional services. Historically, it had long been a

said that the university was the

freehold owner of land situated at 35 Marylebone Road, London, and

applied under section 84 of the Law

of Property Act 1925 to modify or

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the restrictions in accordance with

directions given by the tribunal. As

19, 1996 and was the subject of the

The tribunal held that it could

discharge certain restrictions over

the land regarding its use.

Refusing discharge of restrictive covenant grounds that:

I Persons receiving the notice of application might have failed to LORD JUSTICE CHADWICK derstand what was being pronosed for the land if the restrictions were discharged and had therefore lailed to raise an objection on the basis of a misunderstanding and 2 To discharge the restrictions entirely would deprive those who might have been enouled to enforce them of any opportunity to exercise control over the future use of the

no objections were lodged, the Mr Taggari claimed that the tribunal erred in law in failing to application was treated as ungive any weight to the presump-tion, which the university alleged On August 1, 1996 the tribunal informed the university that it would deal with the application existed, that to the absence of any without a hearing and ordered that evidence to the contrary the tribunal should have granted anthe restrictions could be modified application to discharge the but would not be discharged In those circumstances the university applied for a full hear-ing which took place on November

restrictive covenant and by makmg findings as to the misunder-standing of the notice of application without any evidence. His Lordship stated that the tribunal was correct to make a

modification order under section

84(1)(aa) of the 1925 Act, as

tional purposes would remove the impediment and grant the university the use it sought. The university failed to satisfy the tribunal that some reasonable user of the land would be impeded unless the restrictions were wholly discharged, therefore the tribunal

modification requested. The tribunal was entitled to reach the conclusion that there was room for misunderstanding of the notice of application as it conveyed the impression that the university only sought a relaxation of the restrictions rather than their out-right discharge. There was consequently no jurisdiction to discharge the restrictions as

had not erred in only granting the

Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Waller agreed. Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson.

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After speakers across the political spectrum had heatedly attacked Chernomyrdin's record, the Duma voted against nominating him to head a new government........... Pages 1, 10

Partisans for a lost Princess

Exactly 365 days had passed since they had heard the news. but the worshippers had not weakened one iota in their passion for their idol. Among the gentle crowds placing their flowers outside Kensington Palace, there was a hard core of aggressively pro-Diana acolytes ready to pounce on any Pages 1, 4, 5 dissenting voice...

Island 'invasion'

A tiny British-owned island in the Channel has been "invaded" by an eccentric French novelist in the name of King Orélie-Antoine I of Patagonia, who died more than a century ago Page 1

Prisons clash

The feud between the Prison Service and the Chief Inspector of Prisons erupted into the open when it denied as "empty words" his claim that 20 drug barons operate in big prisons......Page 2

Nove work stops

Builders on Kenneth Noye £350,000 whitewashed hilltop villa in Spain claim he owes them £12,500. They dismantled their scaffolding as soon as they heard of his arrestPage 2

Nanny's plea

Louise Woodward, the nanny tried for murder live on US TV, said cameras had turned her case into a soap opera and should be banned from court......Pages 1, 3

MP's breath test

A Labour MP spoke of his horror at failing a breath test. Jamie Cann, who had been stopped for speeding, blamed a beer at home the night before.....Page 3

Schizophrenia clue Scientists say their discovery of a

strong genetic link to schizophrenia, a mental disease known to run in families, is "exceedingly

IRA statement

An IRA statement condemning the Omagh bomb, demanding the Real IRA's disbandment and admitting executions was dismissed by Unionists because it rejects decommissioning.. Page 8

Nazi secrets

A secret archive of Nazi documents, said to have been seized by Red Army commandos in Berlin in the last days of the Second World War, is being offered for sale in the West

Children massacred

Brains and babies' booties lie on the ground after Serb guns pound a forest refuge. Albanian women and children are being targeted by Belgrade's heavily armed ...Page 9

Rape case officers

Six army officers who were criticised by a judge after being acquitted of gang rape are still with the Service almost a year after the

Swimmers' drugs

A swimming coach in former East Germany has been found guilty of administering performance-enhancing drugs to young female athletes

Race vote fears

Four former Australian Prime Ministers have signed an open letter urging voters not to support racist candidates in next month's

The show that came off must go on

In a move reminiscent of *The Producers*, the Mel Brooks film about a bad-taste show on Hitler that was intended to fail, the Barbican in London is reviving a musical that flopped so abysmally that it has not been fully revived for 70 years. The man behind it favours neglected musicals: another one features a singing, tapdancing Gandhi on hunger strike Page 7



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Petrot merger: Shell is close to agreeing a merger of its European refining and marketing operations with those of Texaco in reaction to the dramatic deterioration in the profits of Europe's major refiners. . Page 44

Shares dive: The Dow Jones index suffered its third successive 100point drop, threatening to eliminate all the progress made in 1998. London shares are expected to follow suit when trading begins this

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Beer fight: A group of landlords is preparing to sue the Government for £1.6 billion because they claim they have been forced to use a home-produced beer as their guest ale rather than a cheaper import from the Continent Page 40

morning.

Cricket: Muttiah Muralitharan, the Sri Lanka off-spinner, produced the fifth best Test match bowling analysis in history, 16 wickets for 220 runs, defeating England by nine wickets.. Page 23

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Football: Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, said that Michael Owen was currently the top striker in the country after his hat-trick against Newcastle at the

Tennis: Tim Henman, seeded No 13, was champing at the bit after an hour of unyielding practice with Andre Agassi Page 26

Motor racing: Damon Hill, winner of the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps, said he had driv-

Painting with thread: An exhibition at London's Serpentine Gallery will change the public perception of embroidery, thanks to 17 disparate artists in thread Page 14

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Second time lucky: The Glynde-bourne staging of Verdi's Simon Boccanegra comes to the Proms with a great last-minute casting improvement..... ... Page 14

Weekend of pop: The Prodigy lifted everyone's spirits, the Beastie Boys provided the booming beat and New Order stole the show at the Reading Festival Page 15

Festivat fun: The Edinburgh Festival presents Carles Santos's La Pantera Imperial, a parade of witty, erotic, tender and surreal stage fantasies for choir, dancers and instrumentalists...... Page 15

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Body and mind: "On the way to her apartment, Miller made no attempt to sleep with her, although he desired her very much. Marilyn. used to being pawed by men, interpreted his shyness as a sign of respect - no man had ever treated her like that." The first in a series of extracts about the unlikely marriage of Marilyn Monroe and

Arthur Miller... Early warnings: The findings of a national survey on the survival rate of premature babies are to be presented for National Pregnancy

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students take to protect themselves from harassment by fellow graduates?..

Split definitive: The new Family

Law Panel will help divorcing

couples to find the right

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There's gold in the Diana Memorial Hills, and everyone seems intent on mining some. Is the impulse to maximise our responses to the deaths of icons a compensation for our tendency to minimise our responses to the deaths that really matter - our own people, family and friends?

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Preview: Michaela Strachan goes on a mercy mission to Indonesia. Orang-utan Rescue (BBCl, 8pm). Review: Joe Joseph sees Hale and Pace upstaged by modelling

OPHIOR In the bear's den

Yet even if few concrete steps can be taken in Moscow - and Mr Clinton has every reason to be exasperated with Mr Yeltsin - he is right to have gone

View from Balmoral

The business sector's fears of the SNP are real, and it falls to Labour to give them vigorous, demotic, expression so that voters recognise the price of a protest

Not so silly season

With this September dawn, the summer should officially close. But it had really been cancelled long + .. Page 17

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LIBBY PURVES

There is no commerce between the living and the dead. All things and all people wither. Respect the dead but let them go ... **MICHAEL GOVE**

As I reflected on a brief trip to France, all the arguments for economic and monetary union seemed to disintegrate like a badly patched Tupolev trying to break the sound barrier. There is nothing like a holiday in Europe to make you realise how silly a single currency is

TIM HAMES

The collapse of the Clinton White House should concern Downing Street. For Mr Blair and his inner circle have been consistently tempted by Clinton tactics Page 16

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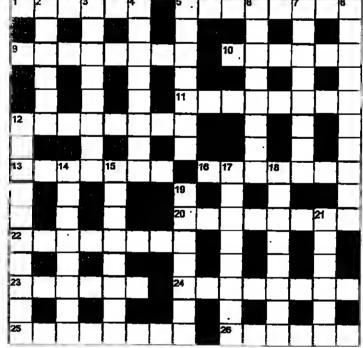
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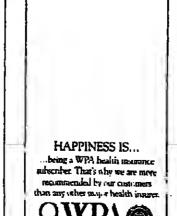
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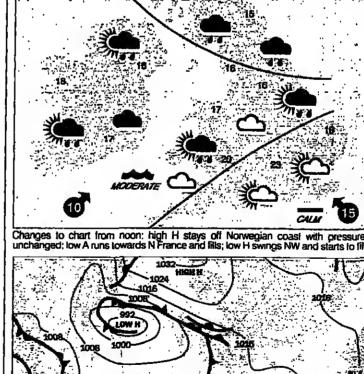
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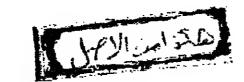
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England sent spinning to humiliation

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

THE OVAL (final day of five): Sri Lanka beat England by ten wickets

ALL too soon, the froth and fizz of England's cricketing summer went flat. Three weeks after the dizzy joys of Headingley, they were overwhelmed yesterday by Muttiah Muralitharan, a phenomenon to whom cricket's bowling records are now open house.

Muralitharan, the confectioner's son from Kandy. completed match figures of 16 for 220, the fifth-best in Test cricket, as England's variable resistance was ended with half-anhour in hand. Sri Lanka's first victory in England scorned the decision to offer them a soli-tary Test and emphasised that world cricket has a new, entrancing star.

The uniquely wristy off-spin-ner took nine for 65 in the second innings and only a runout deprived him of the chance to join Jim Laker as the one man with all ten. Bewitched, bothered and bewildered, England tottered into Muralitharan's web with alarming compliance until complete indignity was averted by a stubborn stand of 53 between the ninthwicket pair of Mark Rampra-

kash and Darren Gough. Briefly, deceptively, England hinted at another improbable escape to match the heroics of Old Trafford in July -but everywhere they twisted and turned, Muralitharan was there, switching ends, changing angles, waiting in

He bowled 37 overs in the day, making 114 in the match. His stamina was as impres-sive as his immense skill and finally, with a whooping dance of delight that nobody could begrudge him, he snared the defiant stragglers. It left a requirement of 36 in 14 overs and Sri Lanka, true to their instincts, made them in

As with many one-off Tests, this game had the atmosphere of an end-of-term party, but their holidays as much as they had anticipated. "It's taken a bit of gloss off the summer." Alec Stewart, the captain, said. He might have added that it has raised serious concern

about the winter, too. England batted as poorly against Muralitharan as ever they have done against the similarly freakish gifts of Shane Warne. While they may grumble that the Oval produced the very type of dry, turning pitch that Muralitharan would have ordered, they can expect nothing very different if Warne is fit to oppose them in

Australia. However, this was no more an occasion on which to glibly condemn England's cricket than it was to question Muralitharan's action, as David Lloyd has so unwisely done. Lloyd's words may have official repercussions, but they will be nothing compared to the impact upon the wider game of this peerless display

of spin bowling.

Stewart may have had his differences with the Sri Lankans, but he was unstinting in his praise of Muralitharan. "He's very difficult to play against, because he spins it so

much and you can never get on top of him," he said. "Saqlain Mushtaq, who plays with me for Surrey, is a tremendous off-spin bowler, but this fellow is in a different

For Arjuna Ranatunga, the admirably impassive Sri Lanka captain, victory was sweet vindication for the tactic of bowling first. It was the first time that he has won after inserting the opposition, at the twelfth time of trying, but Ranatunga showed unblink-ing conviction afterwards when he said the game had

They turned their victory into a proper trouncing?

Michael Henderson, page 29

one entirely to plan. "Muralitharan is our key man and we wanted to make sure he had a break at some stage." By inference, if England had batted second. Ranatunga would have expected them to follow-

Who is to argue now? Certainly not Stewart, no matter that he was the one batsman yesterday to escape the clutches of Muralitharan, albeit through a run-out executed quite brilliantly by a direct hit thrown by Chandana, the substitute. Coming after an hour's play, with James already gone to a bat-pad catch and Eng-land still 53 runs adrift. Stewart's departure was the mosensed that their third successive victory -- and only their

fourth in any Test away from home - was more than an idle fancy. When John Crawley was out immediately before lunch, to a culpably casual drive, the outcome could all too easily be envisaged.

Within half-an-hour of the resumption, all hope of a home reprieve appeared gone. Ben Hollioake was out first ball, though he departed shaking his head fortornly over the leg-before decision, and Muralitharan swept aside Cork and Salisbury with minimal fuss. The wicket of Cork was Mu-

ralitharan's 200th in Tests and his remarkable improvement can be gauged from the fact that his first hundred occupied 27 games and his second only 15. He had now taken four for six, either side of lunch. One more wicket would take him above Allan Donald as the most prolific bowler in Test cricket this year, two more would give him the best fig-ures in any Test at the Oval, but, at last, England made him wait.

Ranatunga, a captain who never lets a pattern grow stale, juggled his bowlers relentlessly, as much to keep the batsmen guessing about where Muralitharan would next emerge as in hope that anyone else might take a wicket. For more than two hours, though, he was denied until, with the last hour looming, Ramprakash erred at last.

Muralitharan had him well caught at short-leg and then, in his next over, bowled the valiant Gough behind his legs as he aimed to sweep. England had batted five hours of the day for 127 runs, too few to put the game out of reach. Jayasuriya claimed the spoils hungrily, but the glory belonged



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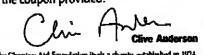
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The England batsmen never came to terms with Muralitharan's unique action as they slumped at the Oval yesterday. Photograph: Rebecca Naden

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BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

AT ABOUT 3.30pm at Molineux yesterday, everything was going swimmingly for those of an old gold persuasion. Wolverhampton Wanderers led 1-0 against Stockport County and began preparing to resume their position at the top of the Nacionwide League first divi-sion, while West Bromwich Albion, their Black Country rivals, were losing 3-0 away at Grimsby Town.

It got better. Wolves extended their lead and West Bromwich went 4-0 behind: the joy among the home supporters hit euphoric levels. There's only one Alan Buckley," they crowed, suddenly appreciative of the sterling efforts of the Grimsby Town

At about 3.45pm, it all turned pear-shaped. Brett Angell took flight and headed in his first goal of the season the first too, that Wolves had conceded in the League - and the half-ome team talk of Mark McGhee, the Wolves manager, took on a more anxious stant.

Eight minutes into the second half, Angell again pounced, lashing in Gannon's deflected cross. From a position of strength, albeit unconvincing in the manner that it had been achieved. Wolves bade farewell to their 100 per cent first-division record. The crowd, apart from the small

confingent from Stockport, filed away in disbelief. "You shouldn't lose a game when you're 2-0 ahead and, thankfully, we didn't." McGhee said, "I'm disappointed but equally glad to have got one point. We're not arrogant enough to think we could go the whole season without dropping a point or conceding a goal. It had to

Arrogance is perhaps too strong but the Wolves players should take a long look in the mirror this morning. Unbeaten sequences can delude as quickly as losing runs can shatter confidence. After Richards had driven them in front in the sixth minute, thumping in the rebound after Nash had tipped Froggatt's chip on to the crossbar, they ambled around as if they would win

Confirmation of that sentiment appeared to arrive in the 37th minute, when Fernando, 33, the former Spain and Valencia midfield player, unleashed a fierce, left-footed volley from 25 yards that sped past Nash. He may be balding, and short of pace, too, but his finishing was sublime.

We had too much respect for them early on." Gary Megson, the Stockport manager, said. "We were overawed, and it showed, but once we got at them, we became a different team. The problem we face is believing that we're good enough for this division." Wolves could have got out of

jad. Nash had to save smartly from Keane and also per-formed heroics to keep out Richards's long-range effort and Connolly's follow-up. If Stockport bad an inferiority complex, it did not show. Wolves's superiority complex did and they must rid themselves of it, quickly. Still, at least Grimsby beat West Bromwich 5-1. Perhaps it was not such a bad afternoon, after

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 14-4-2) M Stowell — K Curte, S Sedgley, O Hictorids I, NayAv (sub O Connolly, 70min) — K Muscaf, Femando, S Osborn, S Froggari — 5 Bull, R Keane

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Moore, of Bradford, shields the ball from Adebola, of Birmingham, during the fixture at Valley Parade yesterday

Fortunes turn at the corners

THE Midlands revival in the first division of the Nationwide League was blown off course in a keen Yorkshire wind that brought Bradford City's first victory of the season, and Birmingham City's first defeat.

Trevor Francis. a manager brushed with rare honesty, offered no excuse. "Bradford City." he said. "have two good headers in their team. Lee Mills and Darren Moore. We left them totally unmarked, unchallenged at straightfor-ward, driven corners. My players shirked their responsibility, and to lose a match 1 otherwise couldn't see us losing is disappointing to say the least."

The man put his words to the crux of the matter. After a quite dire first half, lacking ambition and flair, Birmingham had taken the lead after 56 minutes. They deserved it because they had extra pace on the flanks and they had, in Cbris Marsden, the most creative left-footed player. They also had composure, which Bradford, despite spending £3.5 million this summer, lacked.

The Birmingham goal emanated from the powerful but erratic Adebola. He held the ball, turned his back and Grainger, the left back, lofted it into the goalmouth. There it took a deflection, looped deceptively into the air and, while Rob Hughes sees Bradford

convert Birmingham's

defensive lapses into a 2-1 victory at Valley Parade

Dreyer stood immobile. Ndlovu reacted sweetly, watching the ball impeccably and stroking home bis volley from 11

Ndlovu had preferred Valley Parade to Harare, where he had been expected to olay for Zimbabwe this weekend until he suddenly changed his mind and flew back to the Brummies

Alas, poor Bradford. Geoffrey Richmond, their chairman, had said a few days ago that he hoped someone would protect me from my own insanity". Someone neded to impose a salary cap on teams outside the FA Carling Premiership, or else even rejuvenated clubs such as Bradford would spend themselves into oblivion.

Richmond fidgeted uncomfortably until, in the 65th and then again the 73rd minute, his claret and yellow team were granted the freedom of the Birmingham penalty box. Whalley took the corners, on the right and then the left and, as Francis observed, Mills rose without a challenge to head the equaliser and, later, Moore with even more power and aerial

freedom, won the game. The really annoying thing," Francis said, "was that we spoke about these two players in training the night before. We spoke again about it at lunchtime . . . and then we lost through two corners we couldn't head clear, as simple as that."

Yet who can deny a soft spot for Bradford City? Here, in their rebuit stadium and in front of 13,910 spectators. we witnessed again the strength of English football. It is remarkable that Bradford City, after their sbocking fire of more than a decade ago, are with us at all, and remarkable testimony to the tribal following for the game, the intense passion that will not let a local club die,

that Bradford are spending as they are. Nevertheless, in the long haul this season, it is Birmingham who look better equipped to challenge for promotion.

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Grimsby happy at settling of old scores

Grimsby Town .. West Bromwich Albion 1

By GEORGE CAULKIN

IT SAYS much for the anonymity that has become the preserve of Grimsby Town goalscorers recently that when the floodgates finally opened, as they did at Blundell Park yesterday, it should be two gentlemen by the name of Smith who were doing much

of the pushing.
If neither David nor Richard were bedecked in raincoats or sunglasses, there was still an element of subterfuge about this compelling, comprehensive performance and not just because the local populous are so unfamiliar with seeing goals. The prospect of revenge always quickens the pulse; it was exacted brutally and with little

compassion. The bad blood that flows between these clubs over Alan Buckley's departure to and return from West Bromwich Albion is still evident. Peter Handyside's sixth-minute goal was not only the first scored by Grimsby from open play since April 10, it also settled an old score between the clubs.

There was an irony in its source. David Smith was just one of a handful of former West Brom players who have followed Buckley from the Hawthorns to sunny Cleethorpes: his corner was knocked back towards goal by his namesake, Richard, and Handyside headed decisively in at the far post.

The same combination was responsible for the second goal. Smith corner, Smith header and Wayne Burnett rifled a vicious shot beyond Alan Miller. This time, another Smith had his head in his hands. "That left us with a mountain to climb," Denis Snuth, the visiting manager,

in the 26th minute, good right-flank work by Coldicott freed Lester who wriggled, snake-like, into the penalty area from where he squared for David Smith. It was a crisp effortless shot that comfortably evaded Miller's

Any hope of preventing Albion's first defeat of the season was dispelled deep into first-half injury time, when Paul Groves dispatched his second penalty in three games, Lester having been hauledScotland

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down by Murphy.
"I'm not very happy about it, but ranting and raving over the result doesn't solve anything," Denis Smith said. "I told the players at half-time that what we had to do was go out and score a few goals of our own, but we play an open game and it backfired on us."

The rest was tame by comparison, with a goal at the beginning and end of the second-half, sandwiched by 45 minutes of effort, muscle and commitment. The swirling wind, according to Smith, had played a significant role in the



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Barnsley. Oxford United.....0

By Ivo Tennant

IT WAS not the greatest of perforgoal of particular merit, but no matter. Barnsley gained their first League victory since returning to a division in which, according to Kevin Richardson, their captain. players have more time on the ball and the visiting opposition are

inclined to settle for a draw. Such are Barnsley's concerns back in the Narionwide League first division. Fittingly, a goal from John Hendrie, the player-manager, won the match three minutes before halfome. This was the result of a mix-up between Whitehead, the Oxford United goalkeeper - who, given that he shouted for the ball, accepted

responsibility - and Gilchrist, the central defender, who dallied too long to allow him to collect it.

ball and place it into an empty goal. 'One mistake cost us." Malcolm Shotton, the Oxford manager said. "We were the better team in the second half, but we are not scoring goals and the only way round that is to sign a forward — in our case it will have to be on loan."

To an extent, the match was spoiled by eight bookings. There were no especially reckless challenges, but neither team came up with football of any purpose. If players really do have more time on the ball in this division, that was far from obvious here.

There were, though, a number of chances of which Oxford managed just one or two. Powell put a shot just wide from a free kick, but otherwise they were engrossed with

looking to prevent Barnsley from scoring. Whitebead, even though he was at fault over the goal, brought off notable saves from a drive by Hendrie merely had to control the Barnard and, in the last minute, a shot from Fjortoft.

Hendrie, who did not pick himself againsl Birmingham City, opted to play so as to keep the rest of his squad on their toes. "I think I am just as valuable as anybody else. I would be a mug not to include myself and I am more in control when out on the pitch. Managing here is proving as hard as I thought it would be, but I have good people alongside me."

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Hendrie leads by example | Stewart adds to Ward's woes

Bristol City Huddersfield Town2

By MELWEBA

JOHN WARD, the Bristol City manager, continues to fret over his team's tendency to haemorrhage goals and, if this game is a typical example, he is right to have misgivings. City have now played five games on their return to the Nationwide League first division. and are still waiting for their first

victory. This defeal took the goals against tally to 13 in five League and cup games so far this season. It is not an emergency just yet, as City conlinue to find their feet, but if it goes on

much longer it will be. Huddersfield Town, on the other hand, left Ashton Gate warmed by the memory of their first away

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

victory of the season. The happiest of the lot was Marcus Stewart, who scored the winning goal. He had slood on the terraces at Ashton Gate when he was a boy, before committine the ultimate treachery by going on to play for Bristol Rovers.

City made a decent enough start. Twelve minutes had elapsed when the lively Goodridge gathered the ball as it came in low from the left. stepped inside Edwards, the Huddersfield left back, and fired a low left-fool shot past Vaesen.

Far from settling them down, the goal only served to wind City into over-excitement. Too often they pulled themselves out of shape in defence and attack, while Huddersfield, always patient, stayed in control of their game-plan.

With half-time came the feeling that the visitors were only a whisker away from an equalising goal and seven minutes after the interval they

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scored it. Paradoxically, it was a goal born of a moment of mspiration rather than careful planning. Horne controlling the ball 25 yards out before thumping a powerful shot unceremoniously past Welch.

City were still in with a viable chance at that point, but Huddersfield's second goal. four minutes later, was the signal for the home side to lose their last scrap of composure. Johnson and Aflison instigated the move and when the ball arrived at the feet of Stewart on the edge of the six-yard box, he stepped inside Bell's vain challenge and rolled the ball past Welch into the net off the inside of the far post.

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of the campaign. On this evidence the gap between the sides is only tikely to increase as the weeks pass. tpswich, cunducted by the teenager Dyer, will expect to climb into the leading positions in due course. For Vale. however, the outlook looks grim. John Rudge, the manager, was perhaps underesumaiing the problem when he suggested that his side needs

hest opportunity to fail to the home side in the 72nd minute when he stabbed well wide after being put through by Naylor. After Holland met Dyer's centre to score ipswich's third, the Vale supporters responded by chanting What a load of rubbish.

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Warnock's men advance in style

Swindon Town0

By Stephen Wood

BURY seem to be enjoying their self-proclaimed status as Greater Manchester's second team. Without relinquishing their record as the only division one team vet to concede a goal this season, they learnt how to attack in style vesterday and, in doing so. confirmed their position near the top of the Nauonwide

League. Gigg Lane, Bury's unfash-ionable home, has witnessed plenty of turgid affairs in recent years and, indeed, their supporters joke how just one shot per game has enabled them to start this term so well. Against Swindon, however. those lans were rewarded for their black humour with a thoroughly entertaining

Neil Warnock, the manager, was also vindicated for his positive formation, with the three home strikers all causing Swindon problems and two of them, Rob Manhews and Andy Preece, adding to Dean Barrick's opening goal.

They would be wise not to get too carried away, however. Swindon, struggling at the wrong end of the table, played encounter and were left to regret a host of missed chances in the first half. Mark Watters, 34, showed

his enduring skill and, after three shots of his own, then created three wonderful opportunities for Onuora. The third, which Onnora headed against the bar from close range, turned out to be Swindon's last stand. After the break, they col-

lapsed as two goals in fuur minutes just after the hour mark put the contest out of their reach. Barrick finished off a quick break with a stunning first time shot into the top corner and Matthews rounded off a goalmouth scramble with his first goal of the season.

Preece scored the third with a low shot from 20 yards, prompting more calls from the Swindon supporters for the resignation of Steve McMa-

hon, their manager.
"I have heard the fans' unrest, but I will carry on working ltard and try to set an example to the rest of the club," McMahon said.

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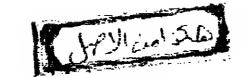
By RICHARD HOBSON FOR a side without a League goal in 575 minutes, Vale Park bore the restorative qualities of a health spa yesterday. It is not without reason that Port Vale find themselves bottom of Nationwide League first division and Ipswich Town, though hardly hitting the form that carried them into the play-offs tast season, had few difficulties securing a first win

Noades prov he can mana three new players.

All of the goals stemmed from crosses delivered from the right flank and, in each case, the scorer was permined a free header. While the introduction of Cnrden, a second winger, gave Vale extra thrust after the interval it did not cause Wright, in the tpswich goal, to become any busier. Ainsworth squandered the

Dyer, the England B international, had also played a role in the first two goals. After 22 minutes Scowcroft headed in after Dyer reached the byline. Then, 12 minutes into the second half. Dyer tapped a short corner for Petta to swing in a cross that Johnson converted emphatically.

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Scotland turn to in-form **McCoist**

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF ALLY McCOIST was forced to

watch the World Cup finals largely from the comfort of a BBC armchair, but, even as he did so, he insisted that he should have been involved much more closely. It seems that on Saturday, he may get the chance to prove his point. McCoist felt that, even at 35, he should have been in the Scotland squad that took on Brazil, Morocco and Norway at France 98, but he was overlooked by Craig Brown, the Scotland manager. Overlooked, he became a panellist alongside the likes of Alan Hansen and Martin O'Neill while, without him, Scotland struggled to score the goals that would have taken them through to the knockout stag-

have been. All that was forgotten yesterday when Brown confirmed that McCoist had been recalled to the colours for the European championship qualifying de against Lithuania in Vilnius. There were oo hatchets buried, no apologies, no kissing and making up, but Brown was pointed in his praise for the veteran striker.

es. Both he and they must

have wondered what might

"I expect Lithuania to de-fend deep and to my mind that will suit Ally's game," Brown said. "I would honestly say he is as good, if not better, than those other players under consideration for the front role." Those players are Simon Donnelly and Darren Jackson, of Celtic, neither of whom is in form, and the inexperienced Neil McCann, 19, of Heart of Midlothian. It can hardly be irrelevant that Brown saw Me-Coist overshadow McCann by scoring a hat-trick for Kilmarnock in their 3-0 defeat of Hearts on Sunday.

McCoist was not included in the original squad and his was not the only addition to it to be announced yesterday. With Billy McKinlay, of Blackburn Rovers, and David Hopkin, of Leeds United, withdrawing because of injury, Barry Ferguson, the Rangers midfield play-er, 20, was called up, promotis also due to take on Lithua-

nian opposition. While Brown was tinkering with his selection yesterday, Kestutis Latoza, the Lithuania coach, was revealing his squad for the fixture. Among the better-known names in the 22-man list are Andrius Sker-la, the PSV Eindhoven defender, and Edgaras Jankauskas, the FC Bruges forward. "We have seen the three

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matches from the World Cup and know Scotland are very strong physically." Latoza said. "They play with their hearts and have a solid defence, but we will try to counter-attack whenever we can."



FOOTBALL: SHEARER RELEGATED TO SIDELINES BY PRODIGIOUS LIVERPOOL FORWARD'S RECENT EXPLOITS

Owen faces up to life as national talisman

BY OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS a measure of the esteem in which Michael Owen is beginning to be helo that, perbaps for the first rime in his career, people actually started making apologies for Alan Shearer at an England training session yesterday. The little fella", as Jamie Redknapp, his Liverpool team-mate, called him affecconately at Bisham Abbey, is making even the England captain look ordinary.

Apart from the news that Nicky Butt, the Manchester United midfield player, has been ruled out because he needs to have an operation on a troublesome wisdom tooth and that Rio Ferdinand, the West Ham United defender, is struggling with a groin strain, the first day of the build-up to England's opening European championship qualifying game against Sweden in Stockholm on Saturday was devoted to another bout of hero-worship for the Liverpool forward in the wake of his brilliant demolicion of Shearer's hapless Newcastle

James' Park on Sunday. . Shearer said be-fore the World Cup that he revelled in carrying the nation's hopes on his shoul-

United side at St

ders, that he liked the fact that the men in their local pubs would reassare each other that he would be England's saviour. Now, he must be feeling every inch the neglected child watching come home.

affection being lavished on a new-born brother. Even Owen seemed to be feeling a tinge of embarrassment yesterday as he was told that Glenn Hoddle, the Eogland coach, had, without a hint of the equivocation that usually accompanies calls for instant judgments, reacted to his inspirational hat-trick

against Newcastle by describ-

ing him as "the top striker in

the country at the moment". Owen almost seemed to blush when Hoddle's praise was relayed to him. There are some great strikers in the country." he said. "Alan played against us yesterday and he is one of them, of course. He did not have as much service or as many chances as me but he has proven himself over the years and I'm sure if he had had the chances I had yesterday he

would have scored as well." Hoddle said much the same, insisting that Shearer did not need to prove anything to anybody, that he just wanted to see him enjoying his week of training with England. After that, though, it was back to Owen and silence as the assembled crowd of observers hung on the Liverpool phenomenon's first public comments since he returned from France.

And so he talked about the pressures that are growing with his fame, the fact that he cannot go out shopping any more, the reality that a part of his life has been taken away from him with that goal that he scored for England against Argenona in the World Cup match in St-Etienne and with every goal that follows it.

"I'm not complaining," he said. "because I have always wanted to be a top-flight footballer and i wouldn't change my life for anything. But I am more high-profile now. There was a time when I used to go shopping in town and maybe be recognised by half a dozen people but now it is just every-one. Maybe I'll have to start going out in disguise. People say you should be able to cope with it but it is hard when part of your life has

been taken away

'I still feel from you and you can't do certain things.
"I first realised young, I the extent of it all have done when I got home Luton Airport after the World Cup and found hundreds of a lot in photographers a short cameras outside my house in the early hours of the morning period' waiting for me to

> But I sau hope everything is just beginning. If I am successful, theo it is just beginning. But if I fade away now, perhaps then I might be able to lead a normal life and I'm not going to fade away. I am a bit surprised by how quickly everything has come to me. I still feel young. I have achieved a lot in a short period of time. But I have still got so many achievements to come. I haven't won anything domestically yet so I hope this is the year that we can do that

at Liverpool." He talked, too, about how he used to put his hat-trick balls under his bed but how he has had to find a new place for them because he is collecting so many. He talked, too, about the mechanics of his trade, of the joy he feels when he finds the net.

"It is easy to look at finishes on telly." Owen said, "but when you are actually faced with a 'keeper and he's come out about six yards, as Shay Given did for my second goal on Sunday, you can hardly



Owen, whose reputation continues to rise, relaxes at Bisham Abbey yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

see any of the goal. So through his legs was really the only place I fancied putting it.

You watch goalkeepers and which hand they use. which way they tend to dive, that sort of thing. You can study them a bit. You have to. You use your head a bit before

games but once you play, you don't run through on goal thinking 'what does he do?'. you just use your instinct." When Owen arrives in

Sweden on Thursday, he knows that his reputation will have preceded him, that he is likely to be more tightly marked than he ever has been

before. Internacional defendnow that they know what he is capable of, now that he, not Shearer, is the most leared of the England attackers rather than just a first-strike substitute. That thought, of course, does not disconcert

team," he said, "and if three players want to come and put me out of the game then we have got two spare some where else, so hopefully they can do the business instead." Come Saturday, that someone might just be Alan

Fulham's position improved by Moody

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FULHAM leapt over Bournemouth and Walsall to claim second place in the Narionwide League second division afler their I-I draw at Oldham Athletic, Paul Moody gave the London side the lead after 50 minutes, but Mark Allott equalised.

There was plenty of acrion at Deepdale, where Preston North End moved into third place with a 2-0 win over Chesterfield. However, the celebrations after goals from Jason Harris and Ryan Kidd were marred by the dismissals of Sean Gregan, for Preston, and Jason Lee, for Chesterfield. both for two bookable offenc-

Wycombe Wanderers were grateful for a fast-minute equaliser from Danny Bulman after Barry Havies's 84th-minute effort had appeared to give Bristol Rovers their first away win of the campaign. Bulman's strike was enough to get Wycombe off the mark after losing all four of their opening matches.

Luton Town had Steve Davis to thank for their leap of four places to fifth. The defender cleared a Stuart Barlow shot off his own line and scored his team's opening goal three minutes before halftime, Barlow made amends with a 62nd-minute equaliser, but two goals in two minutes from Shaun Evers and Phil Gray ensured victory.

Macclesfield Town's strug-

gle cononues at the bottom of the table, lan Hendon's 30-yard free kick for Nons County took all the points, as Macclesfield continue the search for their first win.

Plymouth Argyle jumped above Halifax Town into third place in the third division after their 1-0 win over the league's newcomers at Home Park.

Earlier in the day, Gustavo di Lella sent Hull City tumbling to their third defeat of the season with the only goal of the match at Harilepool United, which sent the home side into fifth place.

Barnet jumped no less than II places after their 2-0 victory Shrewsbury Town, Gu from Billy Manuel and Ken Charlery, the former Peterborough United striker, were enough to lift the London club off the foot of the table.

Brighton moved into the top half of the division thanks to Jeff Minton and Gary Hart. Both men scored in the 3-0 defeat over Torquay United at Priestfield on Saturday and each was on the mark again at Scarborough. Clive Walker, the former

Chelsea player, yesterday became the first player to score 100 League goals and 100 goals in non-league football when he put Cheltenham Town ahead in the sixteenth minute of their Football Conference game against Barrow.

Frank Rijkaard has been named as coach of the Holland national team, replacing Guus Hiddink, who joined Real Madrid after guiding Holland to fourth place in the World Cup finals. Rijkaard, the former Ajax and AC Milan player, was Hiddink's assistant in France.

Noades proves he can manage

Brentford

By PAT GIBSON

MUCH more of this and more football club chairmen will be thinking that they can do a better job than their managers. Ron Noades made it four wins in five games in the Nationwide League third division yesterday since swapping the chairmanship of Crystal Palace for the ownership of Brentford so that he could run the team himself.

Noades knew the risk that he was taking when he named himself manager, but he was fed up with not being able to go into the dressing-room and put things right. "I could have staff who want to take the mickey," he said, "but I don't."

It is not surprising when he can make the kind of decisions that he made in this match. Brentford, 5-1 favourites to win the division, were being given the runaround by Rochdale, 25-1 outsiders, when he went into the dressing-room at halftime and told Ray Lewington, Terry Bullivant and Brian Sparrow, his three coaches, and the team what they were

"We were not functioning to well in midfield," he said, going to do. 'so we needed to switch to four

at the back, which means Watson coming off, Coyne moving to right back and Rapley going on up front. We had a go and went for it, really." And what happened? With 71 minutes gone and Rochdale still looking the better side, Powell beaded on a long throw

from Bates, the Rochdale de-

fence failed to clear and Rap-

ley stepped in to volley the win-It had taken Brentford only 89sec 10 go in front, Aspinall chipping over a free kick from just outside the Rochdale penalty area on the left and Powell, a rangy centre back, hurl-ing himself through a ruck of players to score with a diving

After that, Rochdale were much the more impressive side. Stuart and Bryson forcing good saves from Pearcey before a weak back-header from Watson failed to reach his goalkeeper, Stuart prodded the ball against the post and Diaz slotted in the rebound. Rochdale were still pressing until Noades's masterstroke paid off.

BRENTFORD (2-5-2): J Pearcey — C Coyne, D Powell, J Bates — P Wasson (sut: K Rapley, 54mml, M Rowlands, W Aspirat (sub: D Hebel, 60), R Quinn (sub: C Gamesy, 75), I Anderson — L Owess, A Scott,

75), I ANDERSON — L. UMROW, IN SOURL ROCKEDALE (A.3.3); IN Edwards — D Bayles (SUE: P Sperrow, 77, M Monnigson, K Hill, D Stokes — M Bailey Isube D Gray, 77, A Far-rol, I Bryson (sub: G Junes, 89) — I Blaz, R Paymer M Smart.

Little's great expectations

By BILL EDGAR

STOKE CITY'S solution to their descent into the Nationwide League second division was to appoint a manager named Little, who promptly recruited Short and Small. The club's return to the big time moved a step nearer yesterday at Layer Road.

Brian Little's side secured their fifth win in five games this season with a spectacular strike 13 minutes from the end by Graham Kavanagh. Yet Stoke's early domination had been forgotten amid a series of chances for the home side by the time the Ireland midfield player scored.

Little admitted that his side was fortunate to retain a 100 per cent record against a club that gave him, excepting his caretaker spell at Wolverhampton Wanderers, an unhappy start to his managerial career.

Little remembers how, as Darlington manager, he lost a battle with the Essex side that led to relegation to the Vaux-

hall Conference in 1989. "We played pretty well in the first half but we were very lucky to win the game," Little said. "There will be games we lose playing like that."

Much of Stoke's attacking utilised Small and Short, the latter sending over a cross that Thorne headed into the arms of Emberson, the home goalkeeper. Colchester United preferred the more direct route to Mark Sale, the 6ft 5in former Stoke striker, whose knockdowns created more danger as the match wore on. The nearest they came to a goal was in

the 90th minute, when he headed a corner back across the penalty area and Forbes's goal-

Kavanagh had no such problems, meeting a half-clearance from a free-kick by Robinson with an unstoppable 25-yard volley.

COLCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): C Emberson — N Hayton, D Greene, R Williams, S Berss — P Ruckle Isub: S Forbes, SOmin), G Williams, D Gregory, K Dugud Isub: P Abrahams, 46) — M Sale, N Gregory.

STOKE CITY (3-5-2): C Mugdenon — L Siguinsson, P Robinson, S Woods — C Shott, G Kawanagh, K Meen (sub: R Wallace, B31, D Okfold, S Small — D Crowe (sub: K Lightbourne, 60), P Thome.

Football takes ten steps forward Russell Kempson finds AS THE great and good of international football prepare for the opening series of

qualifying matches for the 2000 European championship this weekend, a match of perhaps greater long-term significance will take place on Jersey. When Jersey Scottish take on St Peter at Springfield Stadium tonight, signalling in the process the start of the Jersey European Combination season, the first seeds of revolution will be sown.

No longer will free kicks be vehemently contested by players; no longer will referees be barangued over the validity of their decision-making. If emotions run riot, justice will be meted out sharply and swiftly. The free kick will be moved ten yards forward — as in rugby union — and the game will continue.

Already, the players are learning. When Andrew McNaney, of Rozel Rovers, conceded a free kick against Grouthe game exploring a

rule from rugby union

ville in the Charity Cup competition, he knocked the ball away. Malcolm Ray, the referee, booked him, picked up the ball and walked ten paces. There has been only one other similar incident in the island's 15 pre-season matches.

"It's early days, we don't want to get too excited, but it has gone excellently so far." Charlie Tostevin, vice-president of the Jersey Football Association and president of the Jersey Referees' Association, said. "It cuts out most of the backchat, speeds up the game and makes it a much better spectacle for everyone."

Tostevin, 44, originally approached the

Football Association on the mainland and, after an initially cool response, the idea was developed. After clearance from Fifa, the sport's world governing body, the regulation has been brought in on the island at every age level.

The four infringements at a free kick dissent, blocking, kleking the ball away and ungendemanly conduct - are punishable by a caution. Play is then advanced ten yards and, if it moves into the penalty area, the free kick, direct or indirect, can be taken up to the line of the sixyard box.

"A lot of the managers thought we'd be issuing cards all over the place but it hasn't worked out like that," Andy Bradshaw, a Jersey referee, said. "During one pre-season match. I awarded a free kick. got a bit of verbals and moved the ball ten yards. I didn't get a peep out of anyone for the rest of the game."

Rangers pay a heavy price

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

THE Bank Holiday crowds had plenty of entertainment in Portsmouth yesterday - even those who opted for Fratton Park rather than the internadonal Festival of the Sea. Followers of Queens Park Rangers, however, will feel that they would have done better to stay in West London and enjoy the Notting Hill Carnival.

The only significant Caribbean influence on a wind-affected match was Fitzroy Simpson, the Jamaica international. He had already forced Lee Harper to save his low, hard shot after Claridge's near backheel and cleared Ready's goalbound header from beneath the crossbar before his long ball led to the opening goal after 35 minutes. Ready, perhaps deceived by the stiff breeze, misjudged it completely, allowing John Aloisi to lob the ball over Harper for his

seventh goal of the season. "It changed the atmosphere of the game, because I thought we were in charge," Ray Harford, the Rangers manager, said. Harford clearly believes in his team, but to the neutral, Rangers looked busy rather than dominant.

That said, they squandered an excellent second-half chance when Kevin Gallen headed wide of an open goal after Kiwomya, on as a substitute, had tricked his man on the byline. Kiwomya also set up a good chance for Tony Scully in the 85th minute, but Flahavan saved and, within a minute, Portsmouth had guaranteed their first league victory of the season. Martin Phillips, signed last

week for the second time by Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, crossed for Alan McLoughlin to head in and then beat Harper to a through pass before scoring from a narrow angle. "I was pleased for young Phillips and you can see why I bought him." Ball said.

Rangers have yet to win a league match this season and are approaching the first anniversary of their last away victory. "The statistics look poor. but the performances have been very good," Harford said. "We are very confiden: that things will turn. If we don't believe that, there's no way forward."

PORTSMOUTH (3-5-2): A Flahavan — M Vta-chos, R Pethick, A Whittlead — T Thorgst-sen, S Tigos (sub: M Phillips, 74min), J McLoughlin, O Hillier, F Simpson — S Clar-ldge, J Aloki.

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QUISENS PARK RANGERS [4-3-3]; L Harner — 5 Rose, 'K Ready Isub; K Rowland, '76; D Maddin, I Baraclorgh — A Scully, P Murray, D Peacock, S Stade — M Sheron Isub; C Vanomya, 46), K Gellen.

Henman grows in stature from seeds of success

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

career. Tim Henman understands that success breeds success. A summer of rare consistency left him bristling with intent before the US Open championship, the concluding grand-slam event to a season of turbulence for the Briton. It has been alternately suffocating and invigorating. Either way, it has never been Henman, seeded No 13,

does not open his campaign here at Flushing Meadows until iomorrow, when he plays Scott Draper, of Australia. He can hardly wait: he was champing at the bit after an hour of unyielding "matchplay" practice with Andre Agassi on the eve of the tournament on Sunday. The pair behaved like a couple of rutting stags under a harsh midday sun. While fanfares herald every move of Agassi, New York's adopted son, an air of quiet assurance governs Henman's demeanour.

So it should, for Henman has just posted his most consistent sequence of results on the sweltering hard courts of North America. He has acquired the winning feeling, in the process exorcising his destructive habit of losing to players of lesser status. He triumphed on each of the four occasions he was taken to a decisive set by lesser-ranked opponents. With the exception of a defeat by Thomas Muster. who still thrives on the big occasion. Henman has lost only to a veritable who's who contemporary tennis:

Agassi, Pete Sampras, Pat Rafter and Richard Krajicek. Such a record characterises the performance of a top-ten player, a distinction that

FOR the first time in his Henman earned for the first time, albeit briefly, earlier this month. It is also far removed from Henman's depressing slump in February.

"What has particularly pleased me this summer has been my consistency." Henman said after sparring with Agassi on the Arthur Ashe Stadium Court here. "I would like to have won a tournament by this stage of the season. I'll have to do that before long, but it has been really satisfying to maintain a high level since Wimbledon." Although his near-classic

duel with Sampras in the Wimbledon semi-finals made compelling theatre, Henman maintained that the experience in itself — he lost in four draining sets — did not provide the spur. "That match emphasised that I have the ability to play with the very best." he said. "but what really helped was the time I spent playing on clay in the spring. results, but it was all about an all-round improvement in my game, especially

ncentration."
What allowed Henman to approach the clay-court sea-son with a semblance uf optimism was his rush to the Lipton championships semifinals in March. Before then he hopelessly lost the plot. That prestigious Florida tournament was effectively a "lastchance saloon" before the circuit transferred to clay.

A poignant memory then was Henman dropping his service early in his first-round match against Grant Stafford. the South African whose journeyman credentials spelt trouble for the Briton. Somehow Henman clawed his way back,

scorers on the day will form the company team

won the match and then dismantled Carlos Moya. Petr Korda and Gustavo Kuerten - all top-ten players - before taking a set from Marcelo Rios, at the time the dominant player on the tour.

"I had a sense of purpose in beating Moya, Korda and Kuerten." he said. "That tournament was definitely the turning-point for me. I served-and-volleyed more; played to my strengths. Now I feel I am doing that to a higher level. There is much more emphasis

in what t am trying to do."

There have, of course, been false dawns within Henman's pursuit of a standard commensurate with one of his ability. He opened the year with a forward showing in Doha and reached the final in Sydney, completing what appeared at the time an ideal preparation for the Australian Open, the opening grand-slam tournament of the season. Then came that soulshattering first-round defeat by Jérôme Golmard, of France, which heralded his winter drought.

However, there appears more substance to Henman's prominence this time. He has found the conversion from scattered brilliance to consistent achiever a difficult experience, but the momentum is with him. This is definitely the best build-up to a grandslam tournament I have had." he said. "I feel very fit and confident and have lots of recent matches behind me. 1 always knew that I could do well on American hard courts. but the difference this year is that I have taken advantage. It is a good feeling." Not half as good as it will be if Henman

has saved the best until last.

ATHLETICS



Muster hits a backhand in sweeping Berasategui to defeat in New York yesterday. The Spaniard became the first seed to fall.

Ivanisevic serves notice of intent

FROM ALIX RAMSAY

IT DID not take long, but in the land of sports statistics the first two facts of the US Open came thundering in within minutes: first male seed to reach the second round - Goran Ivanisevic at 12.38pm - and first male seed to fall at the first hurdle - Alberto Berasategui four minutes later. Of rather more interest was the first spat of the tournament, between Ivanisevic and Mark Woodforde, the man he demolished 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

It was an easy day's work for Ivanisevic, the No 14 seed, as he blasted Woodforde off the court with 23 aces and a bucket load of service winners. The 32-year-old Australian could hardly get a racket to the ball and, on the few occasions be managed to manufacture a rally. Ivanisevic

usually came out on top.

The only way Woodforde could get his own back was by drilling the ball

straight at Ivanisevic in the second set but that did little for international relations. So, would Woodforde tip the tall Croat to win the title here? Not really, no.

"Sometimes his serve can go off. I have yet to see him go through two weeks serving like he did today," Woodforde said, adding if be had to pay to watch the tournament he would not part with money to watch Ivanisevic's serving. "I expect bim to be alive deep into the second week but I think the occasion may get to him, the pressure to win a grand slam would be too much."

Ivanisevic was not impressed. "It is time for him to retire in singles, be's old," Ivanisevie said. "He did say once he is a better player than me but I don't see how. If I had a son I would show him a picture of Woodforde and tell him don't play like this. When he hit me it was for a purpose and he didn't say sorry. But I hit an ace next point and that make him mad." Not that Ivanisevic was too worried by the thoughts of Woodforde.

After the depression and disappointment of losing bis third Wimbledon final, be is at last beginning to recover.
"Even now I think about it. It took me a long time to get over the last final: this one may take more," he said. When I go to practice and hit backhand returns, I think of those two on set point against Sampras. The pictures keep coming back, But every week it is getting better and better."

His record at Flushing Meadows is not good, with three first-round losses in the last four years, but yesterday, playing with a bandana the size of a bandage to keep his mind in place, he looking forward to the second week. "Always I play on Monday here." he said. "I think they want to get rid of me quick but this time I say 'OK, this time I stay longer.

Berasategui was in no such mood.

He was heading for the airport after 90 minutes having lost quietly to Thomas Muster 7-6, 6-2, 6-3. At least be is consistent, having failed to get past the first round in any tournament on any surface since the French Open in May. Serving well enough - his first service percentage was 81 compared to Muster's measly 50 - he then proceeded to spray the ball around the stands as soon as the rallies broke out. Against Muster, who is not known to take prisoners, not breathing ones atany rate, this was not a wise move and eventually it proved terminal.

☐ The tennis wing within the Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre in Marlow is to close next year. The scheme yielded several players who excelled on the junior circuit. Andrew Richardson, who achieved a careerbest ranking of 133, has been its most successful graduate but even he was critical of the scheme after losing at Wimbledon in July.

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1 SEP	SCHROOER/SKANOIA	ROYAL BELFAST	35
2 SEP	BANK OF SCOTLAND - CORPORATE DIVISION	GLASGOW HILTON PARK	40
2 SEP	CANON	KINGSWOOO	18
2 SEP	CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE SOCIETY	THORNTON	90
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2 SEP	FLEET FINANCIAL (NI) LTD	HOLYWOOD	50
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2 SEP	HAMMONO SUDDAROS	MOORTOWN	16
2 SEP	LADDAW LIMITEO	WOBURN	40
2 SEP	MOBIL OIL COMPANY LIMITED	MENTMORE GOUF & COUNTRY CLUB	32
2 SEP	ROSCOMMON SPORTS & Leisure Centre	ROSCOMMON	21
2 SEP	THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION - SOUTH EAST REGION	OALE HILL	60
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3 SEP	BRITISH STEEL DISTRIBUTION		16
3 SEP	CRESTA INSURANCE BROKERS		40
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CRICKET

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Britannic Assurance county championship

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Nationwide League Second division

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HOCKEY EUROPEAN JUNIOR NATIONS CUP: Merc Division A (in Poznari): Final: Germany 3 England 2.

MOTORCYCLING

CADWELL PAPIC British Superbike championship: Round 17: 1, C Welver (Kawasake) 23mm 36 185sac; 2, 1 Reynolds (Red Bull Ducati) 23:36 982, 3, 1 Machinerson (Kawasake) 23:36 907, 4, M Levellyn (GSE Ducati) 23:42:314, 5, N Mackenzie (Cadbury's Boost Yamaha) 23:43:442, 6, T Rymer (Sony Suculo) 23:52:999 Round 18: 1, Waker 23:29:905, 2 M Ruther (Honda) 23:30:471, 3, 1 Bayless (GSE Ducati) 13:30:570, 4, Muchanzon 23:30:471, 1 Bayless (GSE Ducati) 11: 1, W Coulter (Honda) 15:ms 41:867sec, 2, J Dawles (Honda) 16:58:454 Championship positions: 1, Coulter (Honda) 24:30:450 (Rounda) 24:30:450

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370 34, 3, R Jobson (Comwell) 399 38
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I, Lancashire 1, 142, 57, 2, Devon 1, 136 56;

3, Comwell 1, 134 64 Dufe of Commett
Trophy: I, O Ludzman (Somerset) 74 9, 2,
Jobson 73 11, 3, M Pugsley 73 9

SPEEDWAY ELITE LEAGUE: Poole 56 Eastbourne 34 PREMIER LEAGUE: Easter 49 Reading 41 Newport 45 Paterborough 45

TABLE TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian Open: Men: Secand round: M Syed (Eng) bt P Kartzson (Swe) 13-21, 19-21, 21-16, 21-7, 31-14-1, J Parrson (Swe) bt C Prean (Eng) 21-16, 21-7, 21-6, Third round: K Kroanga (Gr) bt Syed 21-17, 21-15, 21-13. 21-17, 27-15, 21-13. LIVERPOOL: Merseyside Open: Men's final: 8 Bishopton (Dethyshire) bi M Smith (Yorkshire) 21-19, 18-21, 21-14, Women's final: 9 Coder (Berkshire) bi K Lockwood (Chechre) 21-17, 21-16

TENNIS

NEW YORK: US Open: Men: First round: Pirst round: G. Ivannesve; (Crot) bit M. Woordrote (Aus.) 5-3, 6-4, 6-4, 7, 1 Muster (Auz.) bit ABerasarogu (Sc) 7-6, 8-2, 6-3, 6-4, 0-5, 2-6, 3, 6-4, 0-5, 2-6, 3, 6-4, 0-5, 2-6, 3, 6-4, 0-5, 2-6, 3, 6-4, 0-5, 2-6, 3, 6-4, 0-5, 2-6, 3, 6-4, 0-5, 2-6, 3, 6-4, 0-5, 2-6, 3-6, 3-6, 3-7, 5-7, 5-7, 3-6-1, M. Dommi (Cr.) bit S. Scholken (Hol) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, Women: First round: M. Craybowska (Pol) bit K. Colinet (Ge) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, Women: First round: M. Craybowska (Pol) bit K. Sudenskow (Slovaka) 6-0, 6-1, L. Gramville (US) bit P. Suzer (Arg) 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 5- Park (Swg) bit Y. Yochok (Japan) 7-6, 7-5, Park (Swg) bit Y. Yochok (Japan) 6-7, 7-5, Park (Swg) bit Y. Yochok (Japan) 6-7, 7-5, Park (Japan) 6-4, 6-7, 7-6, S. Siestud (Japan) 6-4, 6-7, 6-5, Siestud (Fil) bit Shiring Wang (Tawan) 6-0, 6-2, S. Klamovo (CZ) bit Roulkovskaya (Plusa) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, BOSTON, Massachusetti: MFR, Prothampionships: Finsl: M. Chang (US) bit P. Haarhus (Hol) 6-3, 6-4

TODAY'S FIXTURES

division: Claston v Aveley, Ford Utd v Tibury, Kingcbury v Wingstin and Finchley, Lewes v Epcom and Evel DR MARTIENS LEAGUE: Southern division: Nowyon (OW v Fichry London, AVON BRUFANDE COMBINATION, First division: Worst Ham v Around (7.45) PONTIEN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Stole v Derby (at Nowczne Town, 70). Second division Note County v Sweetbury (2.0).

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UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEA-GUE: Premier division: St Nexts v Boston UNUET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First brider sussex account tenderer suserings triffstor: Languey Sports v Sakdean, Littlehampton v Pugham, Rodhill v Broodbridge Healt, Sharoham v Ahrymer John O'Hara League Cup: Second round: Portfield v Southwick NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:

Prentier division: Armithorpa Wallaru Oscett Albron, Malitby MW v Hallarn

OTHER SPORT SPEEDWAY: Dunlop Conference Lineque Challenge: St Austril v Fomburgh (7 30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

McNamara on mark to inspire **Bradford**

Bradford Bulls Castleford Tigers 8

By PETER WILSON

BRADFORD Bulls put the bad times behind them yesterday with a return to winning form, although it was any thing but the formality that the margin of victory suggests. With a run of four defeats in five games, Bradford could be excused for their safety first tactics but, in fairness, they worked hard throughout.

Matthew Elliutt, the Bulls coach, said: "It was gripping, but not very pretty." The game was a personal triumph for Steve McNampra, of Bradford, whn passed the 600 point mark for the club with the fourth of his six goals. The Bulls also gave a debut to Harvey Howard, their new signing frum Australia, but his impact was limited.

The defeat leaves Castleford well adrift of the leading five clubs and Bradford will almost certainly have to defend their utle the hard way - from the back of the grid in the five-

team play-offs. Castleford conceded len points before they gave any hint that they were willing to make a contest of the maich. Two early McNamara penallies sel Bradford on course and the Bulls increased their lead when Lowes, their industrious hooker, slipped a pass to Spruce whoseored their first Castleford's first points

came from an Orr penalty and they surprised Bradford again in the 25th minute when a high kick from Ford was not cleared and Orr reaped the rewards. Castleford's strong defence

kept Bradford out until the 71si niinule, when Scales went over in the corner following a blunder by Mike Smith in front of his own posts. Lowes scored from close range tu take Bradford well out of reach in the 75th minute.

SCORERS: Bradford: Tries: Lowes, Scales, Spruce, Goals: McNamaia (6) Costlelord: Try: Oir Goals: Oir (2) BRADFORD BULLS' S Spruce; T Valvino, N McAvoy, G Bradley, J Scalos, R Paul P Descon B McDermill, a Lowes, N Harmon, M Forshow, B Dwyur, S McNaviara Substantes: S Feden, H Howard, J Donougher, A Ekoku

CASTLEFORD: H. Chy. J. Critchicy, B. Mather, F. Malonry, J. Wells, D. On. M. Ford, O. Sampson, P. Russell, F. McKreit, I. Hartand, M. Smith, A. Vowles, Substitutes; D. Chripman, A. Schick, N. Sykos, J. Fazenis, Referee. S Cumnances (Widnes)

SPORT IN BRIEF

Duval hits jackpot on US Tour

GOLF: David Duval became the second player in US PGA Tour history to earn more than \$2 million in a year with a two-stroke victory at the final World Series of Golf tournament in Akron, Ohio. Duval recorded a final round of 68, two under par, at the Firesiune Country Club on Sunday to secure his win with a total of 269.

TABLE TENNIS: Matthew Syed, the English champion. surprised Peter Karlsson, of Sweden. t3-2t, t9-21, 21-t6, 21-7, 21-14 However. Syed was beaten Kreanga, of Greece. Bradley Billington won the

Major League home run lead his 55th of the season during McGwire is on course to hit would beat the record of bl in

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Duval. 26, from Florida,

started the day with a oneshot lead and fended off the challenge of Phil Mickelson to join Tiger Woods as the only men on the tour to claim \$2 million in annual winnings. Duval said: "I think if you looked at the way the guys are playing. I probably won't be the only one to break \$2 million this year."

the world No II, with a victory at the Australian Open in Melbourne. in three games in the quarter-finals by Kalin men's singles title in the Merseyside International Open at Liverpool, beating Mark Smith, Suc Collier captured the women's crown with a victory over Karen

BASEBALL: Mark McGwire, of the St Louis Cardinals, regained the from Sammy Sosa with the 8-7 defeat of Atlanta Braves in the National League on Sunday. 65 home runs, which a season set by Roger Maris, of the New York Yankees, in 1961.

ended a run of seven weeks without a win by securing victory in The Belfry PGA Seniors championship. His final round of 71 gave him an II-under par total of 277, two strokes ahead of Jim Rhodes and Renaio

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If Hill was happy, Eddie

Jordan, his team owner, was

ecstatic. For eight seasons and

126 races, he had been so close

to victory; it came at the 127th

time of asking. Hill was the big investment

for Jordan to nake the final

step to the top of the podium.

Yet the quixotic Irishman was

soon wondering whether he was wasting his £4.5 million

on Hill as car and driver failed

to live up to expectations early

in the season. The nadir came

at Monaco, a race that Jordan

described as "the worst in the

team's history", but that was

technical director, was sent to

the purdah of the team's Silver-

stone headquarters to work on

the car, while Jordan hired

Mike Gascoyne, one of Formu-

More than 80 technical

changes have been made to

the Jordans, while Goodyear

has improved tyre perform-

ance and Mügen-Honda has

developed six successive gener-

designers, from Tyrrell.

Gary Anderson, Jordan's

the spur for radical action.

MOTOR RACING

Jordan's efforts come good for resurgent Hill

By KEVIN EASON

HANGING from a motorway bridge above the lines of cars queueing to leave the raindrenched circuit at Spa-Francorchamps was a white banner with the simple words: "Demon Hill". If the message was meant to convey a descrip-tion of the character of Damon Hill, it was wide of the mark.

Hill's victory in the Belgian Grand Prix was a performance of consummate control in a race that was marred by some unpleasant scenes. In fact, the only demon to have haunted the former world champion in the two years since he last won a grand prix has been self-doubt.

He has carried the label that he only won his world championship in 1996 because he was in the superior Williams car like a man burdened. As if his torrid year at Arrows - after he was unceremoniously dumped by Williams - was not enough, he was beginning to helieve that moving to Jordan was an equally large mistake.

By the middle of this season, after a series of deeply unimpressive performances, Hill was talking of moving on yet again; even of retiring at the age of 38. Yesterday, he was talking of next season and more races to be won, to add to his career tally of 22 victories, such was the fillip from his stunning victory on Sunday.
"It means a lot because I

didn't win in a Williams," he said. "I have always been aware that all my victories came with Williams and, as a driver, I have wanted to prove that I have the ability and the desire to win grands prix.

"After joining Williams, I have led a grand prix in every year and in every car I have raced in, but this is the lopping, this is what I have waited for and what I joined

That is the happiest I have been for a long time in Formula One. We were down in the dumps in this team and to get back to where we are now is one of the most extraordinary things that has happened to a team in a season. The car was not good at the start of the year and to say we stood a chance of winning a race then was out of the question; but the team has worked so hard, it has

ations of engines to give Hill the power that he demanded. Things have just got better and better," Jordan said yesterday, "and it is all down to the hard work that Mügen-Honda, Goodyear and an incredibly dedicated team have put in. It is marvellous for us all."

Except perhaps Ralf Schumacher, who finished second on Sunday. He is involved in an increasingly acrimonious battle to leave Jordan for Williams and his ill-temper was compounded on Sunday by being instructed not to harry Hill into a mistake that could have cost the team its first victory.

Ralf seems to have been egged on to leave by Michael. his brother, who was reported to have described Eddie Jordan as money-grabbing and running a team inferior to Williams. Jordan confronted the older Schumacher last weekend. Michael "For

to rell me I am money-grabbing is a joke," he said. "Ralf could have a good career with us as we have proved in style. He should think about that."



Mansell's damaged Ford Mondeo comes to a halt on the grass after his collision with Needell at Brands Hatch yesterday. Photograph: Allsport

Reid's challenge creates friction

are apparently infectious, with the antagonism that has clouded Formula One spreading into the Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car championship yesterday. There were strong words and angry exchanges in the paddock as the saloon car series seemed hell-bent on imitating the scenes between David Coulthard and Michael Schumacher that disfigured the Belgian Grand Prix on Sunday.

when Schumacher seemed ready to as-

sault Coulthard after the collision that ended both drivers' races. Rickard Rydell, the championship leader, grabbed Anthony Reid, his main challenger, by the throat in a bitter pitlane exchange. Rydell said that Reid had shunted his Volvo S40 aside to win and thereby close the championship points gap between them. The confrontation came at the end of a day on which a record 40,000 crowd turned up at Brands Hatch to cheer on Nigel Mansell on his second outing for Ford.

But misfortune never comes singly for the 1992 Formula One world champion, but in great clumps. Yesterday was one of the latter as he crashed out of the sprint race within half a mile of the start and was bumped off twice, the second time terminally in the feature race by Peter Kox's Honda Accord, after 29 laps.

Kevin Eason watches a spectacular day in

the British Touring Car championship

Mansell also joined the off-track collisions by renewing his frosty acquaintance with Tiff Needell, the television presenter who accidentally nudged bim into his spectacular accident at Donington in this series five years ago. This time, Mansell believed that Needell was braking dan-

decided that he had better point out the error of his ways as soon as the race was over.

"Peter apologised and I had no problem with that because it was a racing accident," Mansell said, "I told Tiff Needell he was an idiot, but everybody knows that, It was an unfortunate day

Mansell ponders his premature departure from the race yesterday

the venue for Mansell's last appear ance in the Ford Mondeo, but he is an irrelevance in a championship that looks as though it will go to the wire. Rydell took a 35-point championsbip lead from Reid to Brands Hatch but the Nissan Primera driver consolidated his position by winning the short sprint before lining up alongside Rydell on pole position for the feature

Rydell led until the last six laps, when Reid went for what he called "the big squeeze". For Rydell, that meant his rival deliberately hitting him from behind through Druids Corner to make his way to the chequered flag: Reid said it was a racing accident.

he normally placid Swede had still not calmed down an hour after the race. "I was leading the race comfortably," Rydell said. "I was going into Druids on the racing line wheo perhaps he forgot to put the brakes on, or perhaps he even put the throttle down, because he rammed me

"What I said to him is between us but I had to tell him what I thought." But Reid, who closed the title gap to 23 points with four races to go. said: "After what he has done this season, he has no room to talk. It was a racing accident and he should accept that."

ATHLETICS

Hill's victory at Spa on Sunday was made all the sweeter

because of the frustrating season that he has endured

Demands of heavy season take toll

AS Great Britain's hopes for a leies this season, especially the successful World Cup are dimming, so the bights are almost out on the attempt by some of the world's leading athletes to have the grand prix final moved from Moscow (David

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E POPULA

The British selectors meet today to finalise their World Cup team and fill in the gaps left by athletes who have withdrawn. Some, such as Jonathan Edwards and Dougie Walker, are injured. Others, such as Mark Richardson and John Mayock, prefer to concentrate on the Commonwealth Games, which begin three

days later. Nick Buckfield, the national record-holder in the pole vault, and Darren Campbell, the European 100 metres champion, are other possible casualties through injury. Campbell complained on Sunday night that he was suffering from sciatica and that the remainder of his season was

men, are unprecedented. The men won the European Cup in June and claimed eight gold medals out of the nine that put Britain top of the medals table at the European champion-ships in Budapest just over a week ago. Out of the European Cup victory came qualification for the World Cup, in Johannesburg from September 11 to 13. Then there is the Com-

monwealth Games. The athletes' petition to have the grand prix final moved, on the grounds that it was morally indefensible to wave millions of dollars in prizemoney before a public in economic crisis, not to mention the perceived dangers of mug-ging, was handed to the International Amateur Athletic Federation on Friday.

Jon Drummond, the American sprinter and prime mover behind the petition, admitted last night that it was unlikely to make any difference, however. "I do not think they The demands on British ath- are going to move it." he said. SAILING

Peters capitalises on rival's mistake

RUSSELL PETERS recaptured the Ultra 30 grand prix title yesterday, winning the Sunsail Trophy with a race to spare in Guernsey (Edward Gorman writes). Peters, in DBS, beat Glyn Charles, in United Airlines, into second place overall and Kevin Sproul, in Henri Lloyd, into

After an extremely consistent first two days in Havelet Bay, St Peter Port, Peters went into the final three races yesterday with a six-point lead and looking the favourite to snatch the title away from Charles, who had arrived in Guernsey as the overall leader. In the event, Charles made it easy for him when he was thrown out of the second race after a port and starboard incident with Eddie Warden Owen's Team Hoya, in which the latter was

For Peters, who finished fourth and then second in the first two races, this was as satisfying a win as his victory in 1995 over Lawrie Smith. "We

cause we had so many points in hand," he said. "The conditions were quite difficult, it was wavy and reasonably windy and we had to keep an eye on Glyn. It is a bit tricky sometimes when you are defending because you end up sailing a bit soft instead of attacking full on, but we did

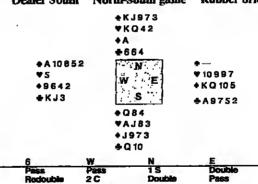
enough." In past years, the Ultras have been blighted by there being only two competitive boats in the six-strong fleet, those of Peters and Smith. This time, there were four genuinely competitive crews, giving the series an unproved edge.

In the first race at the Roles Swan World Cup in Port Cervo. there was British success when Stephen Fein's revamped Swan 48, Full Pelt, won by a minute on corrected time from the Italian Swan 46, Eurosia, in second place and the Dutch Swan 43, Cisne, in third. Full Pelt, with Jo Richards at the helm, was thir-



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Michael Courtney brought off a typical coup on this hand. Dealer South North-South game Rubber bridge



Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: six of diamon

North's double of Two Clubs was for penalties. Courtney (South) explained to me that he thought it showed extra values. I think he was just saying that to excuse his jump to Three No-Trumps. After his initial redouble, Two Spades would have accurately ex-

pressed his hand. East played the ten of diamonds on the first trick, and Courtney the three. He then played a low spade to the queen, on which East threw a club. West took the ace and continued with the two of diamonds to East's queen, on which Courtney played the nine. At this point a low club switch enables the defence to collect four dub tricks to go with their two diamonds. But East cashed the king of diamonds on which Courtney played the jack: West, con-

vinced he had found his part-

ner at home with an initial diamond holding of KQ 1075, unblocked the eight of diamonds under the king.

Before continuing dia-monds East had the wit to lay down the ace of clubs, but it was difficult for West to play anything other than the three after Courtney had followed with the ten. So East played a fourth round of diamonds to Courtney's now high seven. and with the aid of the marked spade finesse Courtney had ten tricks.

I don't suppose there was anything particularly calculated in his play of the diamonds he just wanted to discourage the defence from playing

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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Hunt wins.

Adam Hunt, from Oxford, the pre-tournament favourite, jus-tified his seeding by winning the Rotary Chess Challenge for Children, the final stages of which were held at the Mind Sports Olympiad over the weekend. From an initial entry of 35,000, which makes this tournament the largest chess event in the world, the best 16 were invited to the Mind Sports Olympiad to contest a knockoui. In the final Huni defeated Richard Jones of Birchgrove in Wales while Chris Dorrington of Stanford, Lincolnshire, who is only 11, reached the semi-finals. The top girl player was Iva Angue-

lov, who lost to Hunt in the semi-final. Here are Hunt's two wins.

White: Hunt Black: Anguelov UK Chess Challenge Semi-final 1998 Pirc Defence

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15 fxe5	Bxe3
16 ex66	Bxf2
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18 Rhd1	Bd6
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Diagram of final position

abcdefgh White: Jones Black: Hunt UK Chess Challenge Final 1998

Sicilian Defence 9 0-0 15 Re1 17 Rxf3 18 Kh1

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RUGBY UNION: COMPROMISE SOUGHT BEFORE START OF ENGLISH LEAGUE SEASON

Welsh hold key to fixtures impasse

THE deadlock over fixtures for the new season in England and Wales remains unbroken as the leading English clobs make their final preparations for the first weekend of Allied Dunbar Premiership matches. Hopes of a solution rest with the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), which has adopted a hardline stance over the two breakaway clubs, Cardiff and

Over the weekend there Swansea. was an exchange of letters between the WRU and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) over last Friday evening's match between Sale and Cardiff, which was not authorised by the WRU. Earlier in August the WRU took no excep-

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

tion to friendly fixtures between Cardiff and Harlequins, and Llanelli and Saracens, but the proximity of Friday's game to the first weekend of Welsh League fixtures provoked a different re-

It is the RFU's hope that the . solution proposed by Richmond and Leicester - that England's first division clubs take steps to vary the timing and regularity of their proposed meetings with Cardiff and Swansea, to avoid any comparison with their normal Premiership games — will prove acceptable to the Welsh

authorities. However, the fact that Brian Baister, the chairman of the RFU management board, is in Australia has limited the progress made on this

scheme. In New Zealand, John Hart has received a vote of confidence after the All Blacks lost their fifth successive

international at the weekend, against Australia in Sydney. Hart, the national coach since 1996, offered to step aside if the New Zealand Rugby Football Union (NZRFU) believed that it had a better candidate to prepare the side for the World Cup next year but Rob Fisher, the NZRFU chairman, said that that was



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TODAY

By Philip Howard

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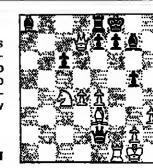
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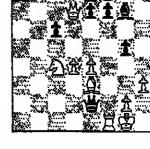
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Houska -Smith, British championship 1998. Both sides are trying to worry their opponent by invading with their queens. How did White continue?



Solution on page 41



Only a week to go before the kick-off

The £100,000 Fantasy League proper has not begun yet, so now is the time to sign up your team for the September 8 start

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To make your transfers, call the 24-hour transfer hotline below and use your identification number

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Congratulations to Matthew North of London SW16, who is the £1,000 winner of the August Warm-up prize with his team Del Boy Pieros. Ha pipped Greatest) and Dean Parsons of Caerphilly (Jasons Allsorts) by scoring more goals. All three teams ended on 60 points.

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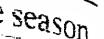
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Jamie Grove, the last man, joined him enthusiastically in an unbroken last-wicket stand of 51 before autumnal light brought an early end to Contract of proceedings.

Match-winner Muralitharan unconcerned by Lloyd's injudicious comments Sri Lanka revel in day of glory

THIS was a day of glory for Sri Lanka and it is not only on that lovely, war-torn island that people would rejoice. Offered Test matches every pow and then by other countries, whenever there is a gap in the calendar, they turned their first victory against England away from home into a proper trouncing.

Alec Stewart acknowledged its significance, compensating for David Lloyd's ill-judged comments the previous evening about Muralitharan. The England captain withheld nothing from Sri Lanka or their star bowler.

They outplayed us, and one bloke bowled magnificently." Stewart said. "Our idea was to win three successive Tests, and this defeat has taken a bit of the gloss off things." Murali, the Tamil sorcerer

from Kandy, wore a huge mile afterwards, as he savoured the prospect of sharing the match-winner's champagne with his team-mates. He betrayed no irritation at Lloyd's comments because, as he reminded people, he had been subjected to a lengthy public inquiry into the validity of his action three winters ago, in Australia, and subsequently been cleared by the international Cricket Council.

"I know I am bowling OK," he said. "I have been cleared by the ICC and I know I am not doing anything illegal." He sounded thrilled to bits with what he called his "great achievement", saying: "We were given only one Test, and that makes it very difficult."

The Sri Lankans go home as winners of that Test, and also of the Emirates Trophy, so they have enjoyed a decent

It was left to others to defend Murali, and to assess his extraordinary ability. Thilanga Sumathipala, the president of the Sri Lanka Cricket Board, took the sting out of things early in the day when he responded publicly to Lloyd's remarks. There is a set procedure for making such comments, through the match referee, and not the media," Sumathipala said. "We wonder why this was not followed.

"We have been in touch with the English board, and asked them to explain whatever their concerns may be. I didn't hear the interview but I've had a lot giaf phone calls about it, includ-ing some from Australia. It is very disappointing to hear these things about a bowler who has gone through so

much, and been cleared." Richard Peel, the England and Wales Cricket Board's director of corporate affairs. said that Lloyd had expressed private views, and that he would be spoken to as a matter





At the Oval

of course. The England coach, who is a passionate man, was too passionate on this occasion and did not help his cause by marching into the media centre after tea to take issue with Geoffrey Boycott, who had offered the view on television that England would benefit from having a coach who said less in public.

Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka captain, admitted that victory had given him immense pleasure and fulfilled a personal ambition. Murali, he said, was "greedy for wickets" and not at all bothered by the publicity concerning his freakish wrist action. Ranatunga proclaimed him to be the world's best spin bowler — "no No 2 for him" -- and said that Sri Lanka must now find him a suitable partner.

What wouldn't England give for a bowler of such gifts? tewart, who plays with Saglain Mushtag for Surrey. thought that Murali outpointed him. "This bloke is in a league of his own," Stewart said. "He spins it more than any finger spinner I have seen. He can make it drop, bounce, drift it away, and bowl a leg spinner.

Stewart was gracious in defeat, which he takes more personally than most men, and it reflected great credit on him. You must always admire fellow cricketers, and Murali's effort here deserved praise," he said. "He is a bowler of great quality, and showed it over five days."

Sri Lanka's biggest task now is to find some new-ball bowlers to support their match-winning spinner and their brilliant batsmen. They have approached Ian Botham to help them find fast bowlers for the future.

Botham, who would be required to work for four weeks a year with the bowlers in Srl Lanka, will let them know whether he is willing before the end of the week.



Muralitharan, centre, and his Sri Lanka team-mates celebrate the fall of another England wicket at the Oval yesterday

FINAL SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

So Lanka won toss ENGLAND: First Innings

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Lancashire have not beaten

Derbyshire in the champion-

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when Jack Simmons, now the

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saw Derbyshire win by an

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anything approaching a re-

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Cl Compiled by Bill Frindell

Crawley ahead of Hick for last tour place

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

THE last Test match of summer is perennially a cruel eliminator and three of those who made up England's best available XI at the Oval this week will not be considered good enough for the best 17 to tour Australia, when the winter parties are announced at Lord's this morning.

Graeme Hick is set to be omitted despite making 107 in the first innings against Sri Lanka. It was a century trumped, 24 hours laier, by a more convincing one from John Crawley, who is likely to be preferred for the last of seven batting places.

Steve James played at the Oval only due to injury and will have no genuine expectations of touring, at least in the senior team, but exclusion will be a bitter blow for Ian Salisbury, who played through the second half of the season identified as the wrist spinner with whom England could take on Shane Warne. He is no Warne, never has

been and never will be. Far more disappointing - for this was a realistic hope — he looks neither mentally nor technically equipped for Test cricket. The selectors may now come up with a single surprise in an otherwise elementary conclusion by naming a second off spinner alongside Robert

Decent spin bowling is in such desperately short supply at county level that Graeme Swann, a teenager who is taking bagfuls of wickets for England under-19s, will be considered. But if neither of the prominent left-armers. Phil Tufnell and Ashley Giles. are to be taken, then the most attractive compromise is a recall for the experienced and dependable Peter Such.

Such played the last of his eight Test matches four years ago and has actually endured one of his leanest seasons. In this, though, he has suffered like every other spinner from discouraging weather and pitches. He remains the most accomplished off spinner in

the country. With the touring sides being named a week earlier than usual, the selectors have not nad one formal meeting but a series of discussions. So far as the Ashes party is concerned. these have focused upon four positions — the ones that may. this morning, be filled by Crawley, Such, Warren Hegg and Dean Headley.

Hegg is favoured to earn his first full tour at the age of 30. as much on the strength of his combative batting as on wicketkeeping not notably su-

perior to that of Keith Piper. fur instance. Paul Nixon and Adrian Aymes must also have been mentioned for a place that requires qualifications as close as possible to those of Alec Stewart - no casy comparison.

Certain parameters for the party were agreed early. An all-rounder will be taken, and must now surely be Ben Hollioake. Also, although 17 players will travel, the last place was not to be used as a cop-out, accomodating both Hick and Crawley for instance, but as an opportunity for a young fast bowler.

Alex Tudor, highly rated by Allan Donald, among others. has been the chosen man fur some while but, like Graham Thorpe, his Surrey leam-mate. he will have to undergo a fitness test later this month. With Alan Mullally a certainty to complement the three established quicker bowlers. one further seamer had to be found. Headley. England's main bowler when the Carib-

SUGGESTED TOUR PARTIES

ENGLANO (In Australia) A J Stewart (captain), M A Arherton, M A Buicher, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, M R Rampral ash, J P Crawley, R D B Croft, P M Such, D Gough, O G Cork, A R C Praser, A D Muttally, O W Headley, B C Hollicolor, W Heag, A J Tudor ENGLAND A Ino Zimbabowe and South Atrical M P Vaughan (captain), D L Maddy, S Peters, M B Loye O A Shah, A Finfolf, R C Iran, D A Mascarenhas, C M W Read, G P Swern, C J Schofeld, P M Hutchson, E S H Gidding, P J Franks, J D Lewry, S J Harmson

bean tour began in January has done nothing to warrant neglect.

A one-day squad, for the ICC Trophy in Bangladesh next month, will be named, probably under the captaincy of Adam Hollioake, but far more debate will have been required in structuring the Ateam, either 15 or 16-strong, to visit Zimbabwe and South Africa in the new year.

Even the A-team captaincy will have thrown up half-adozen candidates, from Mark Alleyne, Matthew Maynard and James among the experienced brigade to Andy Flintoff and Owais Shah among the young guns. Michael Vaughan, 23 and an all-round good egg. offers sensible mid-

Shah will certainly tour and should have up to five of his successful under-19 side of this summer with him on a tour that is best used to bridge the gap between age-group cricket and the senior England team.

Pakistan pushed into damage limitation

BY JOHN STERN

CHELMSFORD (first day of four: Pakistan Under-19s won toss): England Under-19s have scored 368 for nine wickets against Pakistan Under-19s

PAKISTAN Under-19s went into this match without a frontline spinner because Shoaib Malik, their one off spinner, was injured, while England would have selected two or even three slow bowlers, fitness permitting. The influence of Wasim and

Waqar is powerful enough, it seems, to turn the heads of young cricketers in Pakistan away from the traditional subcontinental arts of twirl towards bowling quick stuff.

This Pakistan youth side, who are 2-0 down in the bestof-three NatWest series, have their own mini-version of the celebrated senior new-ball pairing and Zahid Saeed, the left-armer, and Irfan Fazil tried their best to haul Pakistan back into the game

after a ragged start. They were only marginally successful in justifying the decision of Bazid Khan, their captain, to field first on a ground where insertion is not usually given a second thought. They retrieved a situation that looked ominous at 165 for one with Key, who made 88, and Gough going well. After the fall of five

wickets in the afternoon session and with England eight down fur 287, there was hope for the touring side. However, the England tail did more than their fair share. Logan hit a number of crisp drives in a hearty fifty and

Newell repairs early damage By RUPERT COX

HOVE (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Sussex have scored 313 for eight wickets

DESPITE an inexperienced batting line-up, and the loss of their most accomplished batsman, Chris Adams, to suicidal running between the wickets. three young Sussex cricketers guided the home team away from danger, after a precarious start. Half-centuries from Rajesh Rao, Keith Newell and Robin Martin-Jenkins allowed Sussex to bat through the day in making 313 for

eight. With the Bank Holiday weather conducive to a day's batting, Adams, the Sussex captain, elected to bat first. But, on a well-grassed wicket, the Glamorgan seam bowlers found sufficient lateral movement to reduce the home team to 23 for three by the tenth

However, Sussex's revival owed much to two batsmen who have spent a large proportion of the season in the second team, and for whom Michael Bevan's departure, to

By Barney Spender

SOUTHAMPTON (first day

of four: Hampshire won toss):

Middlesex have scored 357

for five wickers against

THE question of Mike

Gatting's retirement rose

again at the County Ground

yesterday as the old fellow

joined forces with the youthful

Andrew Strauss to make sure

that Middlesex took full ad-

vantage of being put in by

Robin Smith on a good batting

In retrospect, Smith will rue

his decision, but it was based

on the green tinge to the pitch

which, before the stumps went

in, made it difficult to pick

from the rest of the square.

Hampshire

link up with Australia's Commonwealth Games squad, has benefited. As the wicket eased Newell

struck a fluent 84, from 142 balls with two sixes and eleven fours. In conjunction with Rao, with whom he shared a fifth-wicket stand of 97 in 35 overs, Newell redressed the balance, cemented by a robust career-best 78 by Martin-Jenkins. There is a phlegmatic air to

Newell's batting and during

of grass, a touch of moisture,

and a Hampshire attack that

has performed well enough in

their past two games to record

resounding wins over Essex

and Sussex; all the ingredi-

ents, in fact, to justify inserting

lacking the core of its batting

strength. Justin Langer has

returned to Australia to pre-

pare for the tour to Pakistan.

Mark Ramprakash was suf-

lering at the Oval and Owais

Shah was leading the England

bowlers all failed to hit a

consistent line, with the result

that Middlesex enjoyed their

best start to a game since

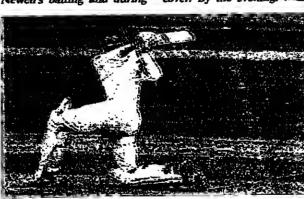
Gatting and Langer put on more than 300 against Essex

Unfortunately for Smith, his

under-19s at Chelmsford.

a Middlesex side that was

the course of bis innings he exhibited a full range of strokes. Having bowled nine overs for seven runs, the off spinner, Robert Croft, who would arguably have been better employed at the Oval, was dispatched over the main stand and into neighbouring gardens. Newell repeated the dose to complete his halfcentury, but with a fifth firstclass century within his grasp he meekly hit Dale to extra cover. By the evening, Mar-



Newell sweeps Croft for six during his innings of 84

There was a good covering at the end of June. Duncan

Goodchild and Richard

Kettleborough put on 56 for

the first wicket and the bat

was pretty much in control for

Goodchild never quite

looked in and it was no

surprise to see him outsmart-

ed by Kevan James, but Kettleborough, on his return

to the side, again looked a

The two best innings of the

player of immense potential.

day, though, came from Gatting and Strauss, the for-

mer who made his Middlesex

debut back in 1975, and the

latter who was born only two

Strauss, on his debut,

looked quite at home, showing

a good defence and a willing-

ness to punish the bad ball. He

vears later.

the rest of the day.

revival, but having struck ten fours in 133 balls he fell to the

last ball of the day. In the first hour of the morning session batting had been a more arduous task, as the ball jagged around on a verdant wicket. Owen Parkin, bowling up the hill from the Sea End, accounted for the Sussex openers in consecutive overs. Toby Peirce, aiming for the short square boundary towards the pavilion, was expertly held by Wayne Law at short square leg, while Wasim Khan was adjudged in front as he sbuffled half-

forward. Jamie Carpenter, the leftbander, laboured 24 balls for his duck before a thin edge to Adrian Shaw, wicketkeeper, off Andrew Davies ended a difficult innings. As is Adams's woot, he upper the tempo with forthright strokeplay that leaves no one in any doubt as to his intentions. Having survived a chance from a top-edged pull to deep square leg on 35. Rao's indecisive call left him

made a fine 83, which included

14 fours, before gliding a ball

from Nixon McLean to Will

As for Gatting, one school of

thought is suggesting that he will hang up his boots at the

end of the season to concen-

trate on coaching and his

England duties. Another

school, mindful of the fact that

he is eager to reach his century

of centuries, believes he will

showing a remarkable appe-

tite for runs, which must rub

off -- on the likes of Kettleborough and Strauss.

Yesterday, he rattled his way

to 77, mostly through the

offside, before steering a ball

from Dimitri Mascarenhas to

Matthew Keech at second slip.

At the age of 41, he is still

carry on for another year.

Kendall at second slip.

Britannie Assurance

Strauss and Gatting in harmony

Total (5 wkts, 104 overs) R L Johnson, J P Hewitt, C J Batt and P C R Tufnell to bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-56, 2-155, 3-240, 4-289, 5-311.

HAMPSHIRE: G W White. J P Stephen-son, W S Kendall, "R A Smith, †A N Aymes, M Keech, A O Mascarenhas, K O James, A C Morris, N A M McLean. P J

Umpires: B Dudleston and R A White. Sussex v Glamorgan

HOVE (first day of tour; Sussex won loss) Sussex have scored 313 for eight wickets

Lancashire face critical test BY RICHARD HOBSON

nic Assurance county champagainst a Yorkshire pace ionship matches saw bowling attack that, at full Gloucestershire slip out of strength, is arguably the best in the country. The left-arm contention for the title, then this might be the week when swing of Hutchison comple-Lancashire's challenge expires. Their fixture against ments Gough and Silverwood Derbyshire, beginning today. while Hamilton has seized the opportunity created by injury to Craig White 10 become one appears to be the easiest of the top three counties, but failure to win this rehearsal for the NatWest Trophy final on Sai-

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of the most improved players on the circuit. The departure of Lehmann to Australia's training camp may mean White plays as a baisman

today, despite back problems. When Leicestershire won the ritle for the first ome, in 1975, they recorded victories in each of the last six games. Jack Birkenshaw, the coach, set a similar target last month but. having moved to within 15 points of Surrey with a contprehensive defeat of Noninghamshire at Worksop, they face a far tougher examination of their credennals today.

They meet a Warwickshire side at Edgbaston revitalised by the return to form of Brian Lara, with hundreds in his last three matches, and Tim Munton, who has claimed 25 wickets in four games. Warwickshire may be without Giddins, who has a bruised heel, while Leicestershire have to decide whether Chris Lewis warrants selection on grounds of form and fimess.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS SUSSEX: First Innings SUSSEX: First Innings M T E Petroe C Law b Parkin W G Khan Ibw b Parkin J R Carperter c Shaw b Davies "C J Adams run out Croft R K Roo c Snaw b Davies K Newell c Powell b Date R S C Martin-Jenkins c Shaw b Thomas R J Kitley b Thomas N J Witton not out

Total (8 wkts, 103.2 overs)313

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-3, 3-23, 4-90, 5-187, 6-255, 7-292, 8-313

BOMLING: Parkin 28-8-72-2, Davies 21-5-68-2; Thomas 23 2-2-60-2, Date 20-5-51-1; Cloft 16-6-48-0

GLAMORGAN: "M P Maynard, W L Law, A Dale, M J Powell, P A Cottey, R O B Croft, †A D Shaw, S D Thomas, A P Dawes, O T Parkin, A W Evans

Bonus points Sussex 3 Glamorgan 3

England v Pakistan

Umpres: R Julian and K E Palmei

Third Under-19 Test

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county championship Hampshire v Middlesex SOUTHAMPTON first day of lour, Hamp-shire won toss). Middlesex have scored 357 for live wickets against Hampshire

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

BOWLING. McLean 21-4-50-1, Hartley 16-4-52-1; James 19-6-55-2; Mcms 16-0 79-0, Mascarenhas 19-6-53-1; Stephen-son 13-3-47-0.

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Pailhes raises pulse on Nautical Star

By Chris McGrath

XENOPHOBIC punters will soon have to discard their cherished mistrust of French jockeys confronted by the eccentric contours of Epsom Downs. Having watched Olivier Pestier win the real thing in June, yesterday they saw his compatriot, Patrick Pailhes. land the "amateurs' Derby" over the same course and distance aboard Nautical Star.

After the embarrassing exposure of the season's leading amateur. Angel Jacobs, as an impostor who was once an American professional, the success of Monsieur Pailhes in the Moet & Chandon Silver

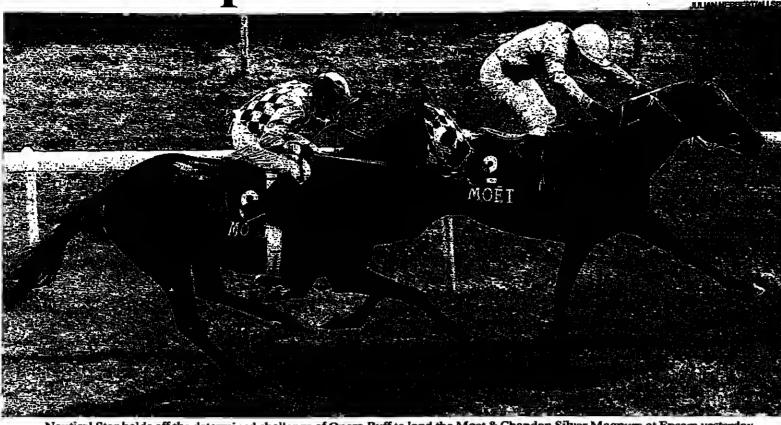
RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PENSION FUND (4.00 Ripon) Next best: Perugino Bay

(3.30 Ripon)

Magnum was just what the doctor ordered. He is, in fact. a general practitioner from Pau and the pleasure he derived from a progracted bartle with Opera Buff restored an appropriately Corinthian ethos to the occasion. "It's the best racecourse in the world, like

nowhere else." he said. The winner is trained by John Hills, whose 21 amateur wins included one in this race on Lumen in 1979. "I was told about this French fellow called something like Piles, who had ridden 44 winners, and I just took a punt," he said, "And a very good job he did, riding very sensibly."



Nautical Star holds off the determined challenge of Opera Buff to land the Moet & Chandon Silver Magnum at Epsom yesterday

Paithes. 36. certainly kept his head, first when Night City was sent off at an unfeasibly frantic rate to build a lead of a dozen lengths - duly surrendered coming down the hill and again when Opera Buff was wandering distractedly inside the final furlong. Luis Urbano, wearing the royal colours on the well-backed Rutland Chantry, was cruising early in the straight but his mount dropped out quickly

The German rider of Night

City had clearly grasped that his instructions were simple go like the blazes. It was less apparent whether he realised that the race was over a mile and a half. for his ambitions appeared identical to those of half the field in the Tote Southern Handicap, over the fastest five furlongs in the

The downhill assembly of some of the quickest frontrunning handicappers in was always going to generate a blurring gallop

here and there was a £50,000 bonus on offer if the winner could build a course record on that platform. Mischievously. it might be thought that the racecourse was on pretty safe ground here, as the 53.6 seconds in which Indigenous covered the ground in the summer of 1960 were clocked

In the event, however, Repertory was initially thought to have failed by just 0.15secs, though the official time eventually proved to be 54.02secs.

by hand.

The runner-up. Afaan, had pulverised the course record at the Newmarket July course last time, but not even he could land a blow as Russell Price sprang his mount so quickly from stall four that he was soon clear over on the stand rail. They never saw another horse and the winning distance of 212 lengths amounts to a country mile in a race

Though the amateur riders have probably heard enough, for the time being, about

2.05 (7) 1, Relative Shade (M Roberts, 11-4 fev). 2, Schnitzel (14-1); 3, Trio (16-1), 13 ran Hd, rik, Lord Huntingdon, Tore, 53 90; £1,80, 53 70, £4 40 DF; £21 40, CSF; £39.20, Tricast; £483.39,

2.35 (50) 1, Repertory (R Price, 14-1); 2, Alaan (61 k-lav), 3, Tadeo (9-1) Crowded Avenue, To The Roof 6-1 k-lav, 12 ran, 2%, sh hd., M Seunders, Tote: 23 00: £5.00, £2.30, £3.30, DF: £48.50, Trilecte. £1.278.70 (CSE. 827.48.50)

3.10 (Im 41 10yd) 1, Neutical Star (Mr P Paithes, 14-1): 2, Opera Bulf (11-1), 3, Kewarra (10-11, Ruffend Chentry 5-2 lav, 11 ran & J. J. Hills, Tore: £15.70, £3.90, £2.70, £3.40 DF: £124.80, CSF: £145.79, Tricast, £1,474.06.

3.40 (Im 2f 18yd) 1, Generous Libra (T Ourn, 9-2), 2, Supply And Demend (5-1), 3, Supreme Sound (6-4 (av), 6 rsn. 34, 1%1 J Dunko, Tote 54.60, £1.90, £2.50, DF, £13.10 CSF, £21 13.

4.10 (1m 114yd) 1, Gally Mair (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, Philister (4-1 fev), 3, Barbason (6-1), 12 ran, 134, 3%, I Balding, Tote 68 40; 22 69, 52.20, 52.10 DF, €17,10 CSF; £32.14 Tricast £165.89.

4.40 (6) 1. Tissifer (M Herry, 13-2); 2. Dressing Gown (2-1 lav), 3, Sweet Charry (7-2), 7 ran 11/4, 2l. M Johnston Tote, 57 00; 52.80, 52.10 DF, 511 80. CSF, 18.27

5.10 (7) 1, Peaceful Sarah IN Pollard. 8-1), 2, Grangeville (8-13 fav), 3, Desert Song [6-1] 4 ran. 1 kil, 81 R lingram Tote: 26 00 DF \$3.90 CSF \$12.89.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £32,687,08 carried forward to Ripon Ioday).
Placepot: £3,105.70.

2.20 (Im 14yd) I, Dallapour (R Firench, 6-4), 2, Secret's Out (5-6 lav), 3, Bergamo (25-1), 10 ran Shibi, 3 L Cumani, Tota, 52,70; E.1.10, E1.10, £2.80 DF: £1.40, CSF, £2.79;

2.55 [1m] IAyd] 1, El Naffs (T Sprake, 16-1), 2, Summer Splendour [11-1]; 3, Hararah [1-3] Iayl, 7 ran II, 114] P Wallyn Tola, E17 10, E450, E2:30, DF E37.60 CSF £136.82.

3.25 (7) 16yd) 1. Wahj (R Hills, 6-4); 2. Headhunter (7-1); 3. Wizard King (8-1) lavi 4 ran Nk. St. M Stoute Tote 12.50 DF, C3 70 CSF 10.23

Quadpot: £92.90.

Chepstow

Going: good to firm

Epsom

Going: good to firm

entertaining angels unawares, such had certainly been the case with Repertory and his trainer, Malcolm Saunders. For Repertory's burning pace was formerly squandered by restraining him for a late run. "He is a different horse since being ridden up with the pace," Saunders said, "He just doesn't stop." Lord Huntingdon turned

out Relative Shade just nine Lingfield to hold on gamely in the Ron Smyth Nursery.

Going; good (good to firm in places)

2.10 (7) 1, Quiet Venture (R Lappin, 8-1), 2, Tiler (7-1): 3, Pappiat (4-1 lav), 11 ran, 14, 11-1 | Sempla Tote £11.90; £3.20, £2.10, £1.60. DF, £51.50, CSF: £55.41. Troast, £237.81.

3.45 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Light Step (J Ourn, 7-2 lay); 2, Karaka (7-1); 3, Mondschein (14-1), 12 ran, Hd, 1), H Cacil, Tote, £3.80, £1.90, £2.70, £5.70, DF £14 80, CSF:

4.15 (1m) 1, Over The Counter (J Cunn, 11-2); 2, Miss Cody (7-1); 3, Family Tree (5-1), Scoop 6-11 fav 8 tan, 314, 1141 M Chamion Tole; 55 60); \$1.30, \$1.80, \$1.40, DF \$22.80 CSF, \$40.32.

4.45 (2m 19yd) 1, Sweetness Herself (K Darley, 6-1), 2, Nouter (5-1), 3, Agrinot (11-10 fev) 5 ran, NR: Thomby Park, II, 81 M Ryan, Tote: £4.80; £1 70, £2.00, DF

5.15 (7f) 1, Iscan (K Darley, 4-7 fev); 2, Redones (4-1); 3, Gauntler (9-2), 9 ran Nk, 3t. M Stoute. Tote; £1.90; £1.00, £2.70, £1.30 DF, £2.70, CSF, £3.00

225 (6) 1, Ski Jump (T Williams, 12-11, 2, Melody Queen (6-1), 3, Dispot Sala (evens lay), 17 ran Hd, 341 M Dods. Tota. £11 60, £3.20, £1.80, £1.40 DF: £33 70 CSF £78 12.

2.55 (im) 1, Almond Rock (R Cochrane, 4-1); 2, Boltin Frank, (6-1); 3, Inseparable (9-1) China Rod 5-2 lav. 10 ran. 3; 1 k.l. J Fanshawe Tote: £4,80; £1 70, £109, 22 70 DF £15.80 CSF £27.23, Tncast: £194.58

213-36 3 30 (66) 1. Boldly Goes (D Mck-sown, 10-1); 2, Anno Dommi (5-1), 3. Aca Of Parkes (13-8 |-law) Housemaster 13-8 ||-law 5 ran, 1), %I, C Fairhurst, Tote: £10 90 £2.30, £1.70, DF £19.30 CSF £50.58

2.50.36 4.00 (6f) 1. Inchalong (D Memagh, 14-1), 2. Stately Princess, (10-1); 3. Mill. End Guest (14-1), 4. Anstand (16-1). Anthony Mon Amour S-1 Iav. 20 ran. 11, sh hd. M. Brittain Tote C16 40, 53 30, 53 60, 59.20, 54 10. DF. £168.70 CSF £162.26

4.30 (tm 4f 60yd) 1, Profiler JA McGlone, 6-4 favl. 2, Eurolink Apache (6-1), 3, Kaufs Jio-1) 9 ran wi, 3i H Cecal Tote, £2.30; £1.40, £3.10, £3.20 DF £18.40 CSF £17.36

GF 217.36 5.05 ([m 2]) 1, Elba Magic (P McCabo, 8-1): 2, Mrs Middle (25-1); 3, Amoroso 118-1), 4, Golden Lyric 17-21 Mareke Machine 5-2 lav 18 ran NR Scokling 4, 11 C Dwyer Tote £12.20, £2.50, £16.20, £3.50, £1.80, DF £552.70 CSF £205 33 Tricast £2.954.57

Incast: C1.904.33

Placepot: £1,325.50.

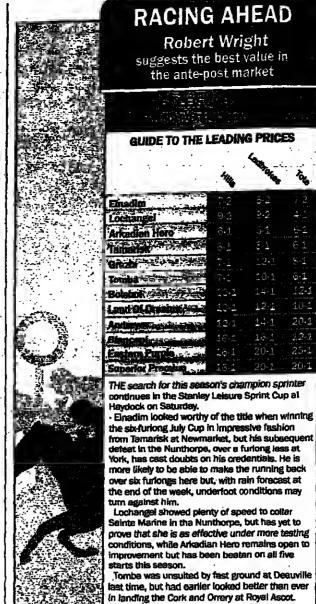
Quadoot: £366.60.

Placenot: £2 458.40.

Going: good to firm

Ripon

Newcastle



Third in this race last season, he should again run well but may not have the class to win. Grazia was also well beaten at Deauville, having

made a favourable impression on her eappearance at Newbury when quickening in terrific style to best Bold Edge. Her trainer, Sir Mark Prescott, rarely runs horses above their grade, and it is significant that he is running her n group one company so early in her career. At 12-1 with Ladbrokes, GRAZIA offers each-way

RIPON

THUNDERER

2.30 James Dee 3.00 Hugwity

4.00 Yeast 4.30 Rich Dominion 5.00 Karinska . 5.30 PEN FRIEND (nap) 3.30 Perugino Bay

Timekeeper's top rating: 5.00 SHARP SHUFFLE. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Puzzlement, 4.30 Ticklish. 5.30 PEN FRIEND (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 | 112) | 0-0432 | GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) | 8 Hall 9-10-0 ... | 8 West | 4) | 88 Racecard number Draw in Drackets Sor-Signie term (F.—Leif P.—publed up D.—unseated nicker B.—brought down S.—steeder Hisself P.—brought Hosself name Days cance text belong J. It purpos, F. if ital, IB.—blinkers V.—woor H.—hood E.—Eyesthelf C.—course wereer, D.—distance wanner, CO. course and distance winner. BF - beaten lavourile in latest race). Going on which horse has

won (F — firm, good to firm, lead, 6 — good 5 — soit good to soit, leavy), Owner in brackets, france: Age and weight, filter plus any allomonoe. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.30 NAGS HEAD AT PICKHILL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

V-			- 7 1	
101	12)		ADELPHE BOY (Barry Brown) M Chapman 8-10 T Wilson	_
102	1161		MANDEREZ (H R Addreson & Co Ltd) J FitzGerald 8-10 J Weener	_
103	1131	60	REACTIVE 34 JC Bigley Parioecstop Ltd) N Lithnoden 8-10 R Lappin	27
104	1141	D		40
109	1151	600	ELSIE BAMFORD 35 (Mrs S Rampden) J Berry 8-5 K Darley	38
106	(6)	0		-
107	(1)	505	ROEMOOR GIRL 15 (Jimm Racing) R Handon 8-5 Dane O'Neth	68
108	(8)	0000	TIME IN MOTION 6 (Mass J Bond) Mrs G Rees 8-5 F Notion	32
109	(5)		TREAD SOFTLY (R Faher) R Faher 8-5 A Winston (3)	_
110	14)	055	CHILLIAN 29 (M Britain) M British 8-3 6 Bardwell	37
111	1301		JAMES DRE 17 (Mrs A Javes) A Javes 8-3 D Sweeney	. 80
112	17)		PARAISO BOY 13 (Mrs 6 Sparks) B Rotinett 8-3 M Fenton	
113	1177	00		34
114	131		FIRST MASTRESS 10 IS Cone: I M W Exclusivy 8-1	27
115			BROUGHTONS SONG 13 (Lyons & Broughton II) W Mussom 7-12 Dale Sittson	44
116	(12)	ŏ	CELTIC SEAL 22 IMr. P Hatgh) J Balding 7-12	-
117	itti		ORTEL STAR 6 (B) (Nendari White & Co Lid) P Erons 7-12 A McCarthy (3)	74
DCIV	MG. II		Dee 4-1 Oriel Star, 5-1 Roemoor Cart, 10-1 Baylord Green, 12-1 Reactive, 14-1 of	mars.
			1997, CUMBRIAN CADET 8-10 K Failon (5-2) T Faractive 13 rain	

FORM FOCUS
Roemoor Girl 2941 5th of 13 to Perroma in 2yo malden auction stakes at Windson (5f 10)vd, Irmn) James Dee 1941 2nd of 11 to explore the stakes at Windson (6f, good to Irmn) with Baylord Green 15th worse of 841 10th, Star 4941 4th of 15 to Astonished in 2yo maiden

JAMES DEE was not beaten far here last time and can go one beller. 3.00 DEVERELL CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,321: 1m) (12 runners)

1997: ALPINE HICEAWAY 4-8-13 J Stack (7-1) 8 Hanbury 15 ran FORM FOCUS

Hugwity 33-1 9th of 13 to Saml Express in handicap at Redcur
11m. good to firm! Yeoman Oliver 641 6th of 16 to Goldfare in
handicap at South-Weolmer (I) m. Av. fibresand). Winston 41 2d of 17
to Fails O'Moness in selling handicap at Thirsk 11m. good to firm! Detroit City 2141 5th of 13 to
Critical Air in 3yo bandicap at Muscelburgh (7/1 30yd, good) Poetto 11:21 5th of 19 to Brockine Gold
in handicap at Catterick (7/1, good to Son)

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BETTING, 3-1 Hugsely, 9-2 Winston, 5-1 Yearran Oliver, 11-2 Detroit City, 6-1 Conume John, 10-1 Poetto, 14-1 others

The blinkers seem to have improved WINSTON, and he can take this from Hugwity.

3.30 CLARD CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0; £4,399; 51) (7 runners) | 301 | 53 | 3100 CHOTO MATE 45 (D.F) | 1/2 Matalom R Harmon 9-0 | R Hughes 70 | 302 | 141 | 161430 PERUGROU BAY 12 (CD.F.S.) | 1/2 Fretveril) 8 McGlathan 9-0 | T Quant 99 | 303 | (7) | 222123 CARTIMEL PARK 32 (BF.D.G.) (P Army 8 R Whitton J Borry 8-12 C Lowdfaer 76 | 304 | 11 | 321434 DAMALIS 24 (D.F.) | 1. Fergusam) E Action 8-9 | W Supple 90 | W Supple 90 | U S

1997 NO CORRESPONDING RACE. FORM FOCUS

Choto Mate 16/ 17th ol 19 to Flanders in 2yo auction states at Newtury [5] 34yd, good to firm! Perugino Bay 6/4/ 12th ol 17 to Lockengel in group 7 states at York (5), firm! Cartinel Park 5/ 3gf runner 2yo novice stakes at Redcar [5], good) Miss Fil beat Lunar Prospector 1/4/ in 5-runner 2yo novice stakes at Redcar [5], good to firm!

PERUGINO BAY was not disgraced in the Nunthorpe and can return to winning ways

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COURSE SPECIALISTS						
Wins	Ance 17	23.5	JOCKEYS J. McAuley	Whineys	Rides	4
9	40 37	22.5	i: Clarley J Weaver	41 25	187 139	33.3 24.6 19.4

THE amateur rider. Nathan Rossiter, is in a critical condition after falling from Hever Golf Charmer in the opening Bow Hill Claiming

Hurdie - won by Auburn Boy - at Fontwell

yesterday. The gelding fell at the second-last

flight leaving Rossiter prostrate on the turf. He

was stretchered into an ambulance

4.00 TOTE TRIFECTA HANDICAP (SHOWCASE RACE)

[21	,165;	7m 2t)	(8 nunners)			
401	14)	654046	YEAST 1D (F.S) (B Hagges) W Hagges 6-9-10	95		
402	(6)	2-0023	PENSION FUND 12 (BF,D,F,G) (S Cards) M VV Easterby 4-0-9 T Lucas	95		
403	(2)	404106	MCGILLYCUDDY REEKS 12 (D.F.G.) (D.E Incess) D.E Incess 7-9-8 Kim Thilder	91		
404	(לו	63213	AIM HIGH 13 (V.BF,D,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) Sr M Strute 3-9-7 K Darley	85		
405	(8)		MONO LADY 13 (V,O.F.S) (Monofithic Retractories) D.H. Jones 5-9-7 A Mackay	80		
406	(5)		DIMINIUTIVE 22 (BF, Q, F, G) (Comstury Partnership) J Hills 5-9-6	91		
407	(3)	086511	PLEZILEMENT B ID.F) (Mrs C Britain) C Britain 4-9-1 (Ged) M Henry	92		
406	11	0-0531	TRAILBLAZER 10 (G Reed) C Thornton 4-8-3 Dean McKeown	81		
BETTING: 3-1 Person Fund, 7-2 Puzzlement, 11-2 Diminutivis, Alm High, 6-1 Mono Lady, Yeast, 12-1 IdeGillycuddy Reels, 14-1 Trafficiano						

Yeast 544 6th of 8 to Raivue in handrap at Ripon 11m 4f 60yd, good to firm). Pension Fund 14d 3rd of 14 to Rokety Bowl in handrap at Ripon 11m 4f 60yd, good to firm). Pension Fund 14d 3rd of 14 to Rokety Bowl in handrap at York (1m 3f 185yd, good to firm). With Mcrybychothy Rees (3th better oil) 5'4f 6th Alanh Eight 5' 3rd of 8 to Absolute Ulupia in handrap at Lencester (1m 4f 185yd, good to firm). Puzzlement best Castmeet Lady 5 in 9-runner handrap at Lencester (1m 1879d, good to firm). Traitblazer best Mandler 5th in 12-numer selling stakes at Wolverhampton (1m 179yd, Aw, Ripresand). 1997; ISTOFF 4-8-13 K Oathy | 13-2) S C Williams 8 ran

PUZZLEMENT may still be a step ahead of the handicapper and can win again

4.30 SAPPER NURSERY HANDICAP [TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (2-Y-O: £3,875; 6f) (16 runners)

501	123	560	KINLANO 10 (8 Hadraway) Mrs J Ramsden 9-7 J Fortune	48			
50C	i6)		PRIDEWAY 10 IN Jones A Bailey 9-5 R Mullen (3)	58			
503	133		COLLEGE MUSIC 4 (S) (M Bottam) M Britam 9-5 D Memorit (7)	56			
504	15)		SPRINGS NOBLEQUEST 7 (5) (Springs Ltd) 1 Easterby 9-4 L Charmock	55			
505	115	403	PRINCIPAL DANCEH 101 (M DTtoran) J Glover 8-1 R Hughes	43			
506	113)	0050	RICH DOMINOON 46 (B) IMrs J Victors) J Berbell 9-0	45			
507	(12)	326344	DILETTO 7 IL Ferguson) E Alston 8-12 W Supple	62			
508	116		ROLLING RIO 25 (BF) (Rio Stainless Engineering Lid) P Hastam 8-10 C Lowerer	48			
509	1141	50400	TUULI 7 Mrs H Carry 8 Rothwell 8-10 M Fenton	56			
510	1111		THE NURSE 4 (D,F) IC Bigley Partnership Ltd) K Ryan 8-10 J Carroll	54			
511	(9)		MILLIAGEM 22 (C Spence) M W Estletby 8-9 T Lucas	61			
512	įπ		TECKLISH 22 (J Bogle) W Haggas 8-7 K Darley	4T			
513	181	420216	BODFARI ANNA 7 (B.D.G) (Bodfari Shul Lizi) M W Easterby 8-6 6 Parkin	49			
514	17)		REX IS OKAY 28 (Bellie Family) S Bowning 8-6 Date Gloson	41			
515	1101		TIME TO WYN 32 (M Ng) J FitzGerald B-1 F Norton	45			
516	14		NOW IS THE HOUR 39 (J Martin) P Felgate 8-0 A McCarthy (3)	43			
	BETTING: 6-1 The Nurse, 7-1 Processy, 8-1 Kintano, Diletto, Tickitsh, 10-1 College Music, Principal Dancer, Mujagan, Bodtari Anna, 12-1 others.						
	1997: NO CORRESPONDING RACE.						

THE NURSE is making a swift return to action, but looks in great heart.

5.	00	DEVE	RELL CLAIMING STAKES (Div 0° 52,321: 1m) (11 runners)	Headhunter (7-1); 3, Wizard King (8-11 lav) 4 ran NJ, SI, M Stoute Tole (22.50 DF, C3 70 CSF: £10 23
601	(1)	230211	SHARP SHUFFLE 24 (D.F.G) (Mrs. H Prendergast) R Hannon 5-9-1 . R Hughes [93]	
602			COUERRY 6 (D.F) 4 Watson) M Gods 7-8-12 J Weaver -	3.55 5/ 16yd) 1, Tempramental (A
603			HIGHSPEED 22 (D.F.S.) (D Wingth) P Felgate 5-8-10 6 Parkin 72	Mackey, 20-1); 2. Manorbier (5-2), 3,
604			FLOWER D'CANNIE 11D (S) (Mrs E Right) M W Easterby 3-8-8 1 Lucas 71	Republic (9-4) 6 ran 141, % D Haydin
	110)		JAZZY (T Hurst J Norton 3-8-7 J MtAuley (7) -	Jones Tote £17 80 £5 10, £1 90 DF:
606		405000	ZAAHIR 16 (D Barry) W Storey 4-8-7 T Williams 64	£46.10 CSF. £63.40
607	[11]	001-00	KARINSKA 36 (D.F.G S) (G Whiting) M Chapman 8-8-6 I Wilson 72	4.25 1m 41 23yd) 1 Serendipaty (G
608	15)	050000	PATRIA 29 (D) IR Hallinshead) R Hollanshead 4-8-4 P M Quinn (7) 65	Faulkner, 3-1 fav), 2. Monument (7-2); 3,
609		D	CHICA HOLLY 16 (R Wood) J Erre 3-8-3	King Pham (4-1) 11 ran 13/1, 11 M Pipe.
610		050000	FRENCH GNIGER 20 (F) (Don Ennou Inexa) Ennou Inexa 7-8-2 . Kinn Tinkler 72	Tote £4.60, £1.80, £1.90, £1.50 DF.
611	13)	452180	PLEASANT OREAMS 20 (F) (J Blain) D Smith 3-8-1 R Winston (3) 71	28 00 CSF. £11.70
ÆΠ	NG: 2-1	5 Seep 57	uffle: 5-1 Pleasant Dreams, 11-2 Highspeed: 7-1 Natrolio, 10-1 Planes O'Carnie, 12-1 others.	4.55 (1m 2l 38yd) 1, Cherokee Flight (G
			1997, NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION	Duffield, 11-2): 2. Ron's Round (3-1 lav).
				3. Haroldon (25-1) 15 tan Nk. 141 S
-	nne	I TO	CUS Sharp Shuffle beaf Backelors Pad 1 k-l in 6-runner claiming stakes at Newmarket (7), firm). High-speed 141 8th of 13 to Browning in	Mellor. Tote. £6 10; £1 80, £1.70, £5 00
٠П	UMN	ルい	UUS at Newmarket (7), firm). Highspeed 141 8th of 13 to Browning in	DF. £11,60 CSF £20,93. Tricast £377,27
7.0	- T	- C	handicae at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd furn). Flower O'Cannie 48f last	201121

FORM FOCUS

Sharp Stuffle beat Bachelors Pad 1½ I in 6-numer claiming stakes at Newmarket (7), firm). Highspeed 141 8th of 13 to Browning in handicap at Windsor (1m 3/135yd firm). Flower O'Carriel 48/1ast of 16 to Tom Dougal in 3yo handicap at York (7/1302yd, good). Zaahir 81 10th of 15 to Konaseph in handicap at York (7/1302yd, good). Zaahir 81 10th of 15 to Konaseph in handicap at Beverley | 1m 11 207yd, good to firm) SHARP SHUFFLE is the only contender with good recent form and should not be opposed

5.30 WEATHERBYS FINANCE HANDICAP (£3,003: 2m) (15 runners)

Long handicap. All Girls Forget 7-7 BETTIME. 4-1 Pan Friend, 5-1 Spa Lane. 6-1 Mandragon, 7-1 Mazzelma, 8-1 Charley Crusides, 10-1 Highleid 1997: ANDARISE 7-8-2 G Bardwell (10-1) M Britain 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

Mondagon bed Spa Lane (3lb better off) 21 in 6-numer hardicap at 8e-eriey (2m 35yd, good to firm). Mazzelmo beat Murchan Tyne 6 in 11-numer hardicap at Chester (1m 7f 195yd, good) with Highleid Fizz (12lb better off) 19 5th Chartry Chusader awarded race after Netta Rubna dsa2 in 6-numer hardicap at Musselburgh (2m, good) Pen Friend 41 2nd of 7 to Nathon Pool in hardicap at Bereriey (2m 35yd, good to soft) with Spa Lane (levels) 201 6th. Spa Lane 29-1 2nd of 10 to Bardon Hill Boy in hardicap at Thark (2m, good to firm) Operator 2.3 and of 14 to Philosophie in hardicap at Lingliefo (2m, Aw, equitable) Perference Mission beat 65 to 29-1 in 7-numer maden hardicap at Catterick (1m 7f 177yd, good to firm) with AB Girls Forget (5th better off) 29-1 3rd Duncombe Hall 3rd of 9 to Aziec Piyer in Ledec hardicap at Yarmouth (1m 6f 17yd, firm).

OPERATIC & a lough and genume tilly who will stay every yard of the line.

say that his condition is critical."

Dr Patrick Johnson, the course medical

officer, said: "Mr Rossiter is being investigated

in the scanning department of St Richards

Hospital, Chichester, for head injuries. He did

not recover consciousness after the fall and

may also have other injuries. I would have to

Amateur in critical condition after fall

UTTOXETER

2.15 Teejay'N'Altch. 2.45 Flagship Therese. 3.15 Ross Dancer. 3.45 Saskla's Hero. 4.15 Silver Minx. 4.45 Going For Broke.

GDING GOOD TO FIRM

2.15 JOHN SMITHS EXTRA SMOOTH BITTER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,749: 3m) (10 runners)

2-1 Hopeful Lord, 7-2 Sailin Mircood, 9-2 Pressla, 0-1 Techni Maltet, 10-1 other:

2.45 VANGUARD PUBS & RESTAURANTS NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,801: 2m 41 110yd) (9)

10-11 Flagging Therese, 7-2 Builder Boy, 7-1 Flora Departmed, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: M Pipe 37 winners from 134 uniners, 27.6%, C Marin, 9 from 34, 25.5%, J O'Real, 10 from 33, 25.6%, P Bower, 7 don 31, 27.6%, S Brookshan, 18 from 82, 22.0%, P Michael 6 from 29, 20.7%. 20172. JOCKEYS: A Maguere, 22 enteres from 83 rdes., 35 5%, J Culloly, 10 from 40, 25 0%; N Wilbarrson, 21 from 120, 175%; 1 J Marphy 6 from 35, 17 1%. M Fragerald, 14 from 84, 16 7%

Warwick Going: good to firm

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TEN MEETINGS

2.00 (1m 21 169yd) 1, Ocean Park (A Clark, 7-2 f-lay), 2, Brookhouse Lady (20-1) 3, Java Strine (15-2). Guessmallon 7-2 [I-lay, 17 ran, NR Francesca's Folly, Hd, 1¼1, Lady Herries, Toas, £4-50, £1.70, £5.00, £2.70. DF: £49.20, CSF: £72.20. 2.30 (2m 20yd) 1, Nanton Point (G Amolda, 6-1): 2, Treasure Chest (7-1): 3, Mss Via (7-1): 8 ran. Sh hd, ¾L Lady Herrles. Tote: £7 10; £2 50, £2 50, £2 10, DF: £29,10 CSF: £43.20, Tncast

2-40 (1m) 1, Seyessu |G Hind, 10-1); 2, Stylish Storm |5-1]; 3, Law Review (7-1) Hoh Navigator 6-4 fav 6 ran. 4, hd J Gosden, Tote: £12.10; £2.90, £1.50, £2.10, DF £32.70, CSF; £54.65 3.15 (Im 3yd) 1. Hoh Steamer (R Mullen, 10-1), 2, Fair Flight (13-2 ji-fav), 3, Dandy Dance (16-1) Makebelleve Skirid 13-2 ji-fav), 4 ran Sh.hd, 11, M Belt, Tore; £10.70, £3.20, £3.70, £4.60, DF: £34.30, CSF. £70.08 Tricast: £967.89 3.00 (5f) 1, Broadway Melody (D Sweeney, 12-1); 2, Cara Kite (8-1); 3, Windrush Boy (16-1), Bantarak 3-1 Iav, 14 ran, Ni, nk, Alenkis Tota; 510,00, 52,00, 52,90, 53,60, DF; 557,40 CSF: 533,51

3.35 (6f) 1, Bundy (A Clark, 7-2), 2, Asley (3-1); 3, Montague Tigg (5-2 tay), 6 ran. Nk, 154. M Dods Tote; \$4.60; \$1.80, \$1.80, DF, \$7.20, CSF; \$12.54. 4.05 (71) 1, 8ob's Princess (D Sweeney, 12-1), 2, Sheroura (3-1); 3, Modesty Forbids (16-1), Lady Of Aragon 11-4 fav. 12 ran, 144, 144, P Chemings, Tote's 16-10; £3.10, £1.80, £2.90, DF £56.70 CSF; £44.68.

4.35 (7f) 1, Rose Hill (Martin Dwyer, 12-1); 2, Emma-Lyne (6-4 fav); 3, (pcress Hily (8-1) 11 ran, NRT Blue Rock Lady, 24), 14), 1 Mills, Tote £14 50; £3.60, £1.70, £1.80, OF, £18.70, CSF; £27 68. 5.05 (1m) 1. Khaled (J Tale, 14-1); 2. La Isla Bonila (6-5 lav), 3. Lorenzo (16-1); 10 ran 1.91, 1.91. K Mahdi. Tole. £16.00, £3.30, £1 10, £4.20 DF; £10.70 CSF £27.21

Placepot: £2,813.40. Quadpot £223,10.

Cartmel Going: good to firm (good in places)

2.00 (2m If 110yd hdle) 1, Culting Anshaka (C McCormack, 5-2), 2, Flight For Freedom (evens fav), 3, Lakeland Pride (9-2), 7 ran, NR Ellenber 144, 11, Martin Todhumter, Tote, £3 10, £1.80, £1.80 DF; £2.60 CSF; £5.47

2.35 [2m 11 110yd hdie] 1, Flahwe's First 1A Dobbin, 7-4 (av), 2, Nins Pipes [50-1]; 3, Mutawell [5-1] 15 ran, 7, 11 R Price Tote: £3 10, £1 60, £10 70, £2.20 DF £100.70 CSF, £118 67 Tricast £418 32 3.10 (2m 11 110)qi chi 1, Non Vintage (W Worthington, 7-2); 2, Blazing Dawn (4-1), 3, Fernick's Brother (7-4 lay) 5 ran 6l, 144 M Chopman, 101e £400, £1.80, £1.90 DF: £7.50, CSF, £16.19.

3.45 (3m 21 hdle) 1, Terten Tradewinds (A Dobbin, 15-8), 2, Recultment (7-1); 3, Miss Souter (7-1), Good Hard 10-11 tav 5 ran 111, 11-11 (3 Pc) Febrards Tota, 22 60. £1 70, £2 40 DF, £9.90 CSF £13 47 4.20 (3m 2i chi 1, War Whoop (M Foster, 14-1), 2, Sidurjhi Son jevens favl, 3 Rede's Mill (10-1), 7 ran NP: Here Comes Trouble NN, 8I Miss L Russell Tote C15 90, 64 50, C1 70 DF £12.20 CSR, £30 78. 4.55 (2m 11 110yd holle) 1, Wantin (N

Horrocks, 3-1 lavi, 2. Barley Meadow (33-1); 3. Cruz Sonta (6-1) 14 ren. 41 n/. C Farhrest Tote, E5 70, E2 30, E14 50, E2 70 DF £1,028 30, CSF: £115 46

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3.30 (2m 2f ch) 1, Casual Water (J Tizzard, 5-4); 2, Hernero (50-1); 3, Hugh Daniels (25-1), Palarnon 4-5 fev. B ran. NR. Moon-Frog. 22s. St. P. Nicholls, Tola; 52-20; £1.20, £10.40. DF; £22.20; CSF £41.99. 4.00 (2m 6) 110yd hdfe) 1, HR The Bld (R Waldey, 10-11 fav); 2, Sir Galeforco (4-1), 3, Shimba Hille (8-2), 5 ran. 127, 11 ten Willerms, Tote; 52.00; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £3.40 CSF; £4.69

4.30 (2m 3l ch) 1, Dr Rocket (X Azpuru. 11-4): 2, Mrs Em (4-7 lav); 3, Cheeler (8-1), 6 ran. NR: Northern Squire, 4l, 2 ll R. 5.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Danegold (D Byrne, 2-1); 2, Announcing (30-11 fav); 3, M Morta-gue (3-1) 4 ran, 2%l, 1 l/l M Chonson, Tote, 23.00, DF £2.20, CSF: £4.21,

Placepot: £10.70. Huntingdon Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.15 (2m 4f 110yd hole) I, Thisere Night (M Mooney, 8-1); 2, Chopin 15-2 tavl; 3, (Aing Time (11-4), 6 car. 3, 11 W Musson Tote: 57.70 53 50, 51.70, DF; 514.70 CSF: 527.65 CSF: E27.05 2.45 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Super Sharp (V Slattery, 8-1); 2, Sigma Run (7-2); 3, To Se The Best (8-4 fav) 8 ran, 1¼1, 101 | Wal-lents Tote: £10.40; £2.60, £1.80, £1.30 DF: £20.00, CSF: £37.03, Tricasi: £80.18

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3.15 (2m. 110yd. hdie) 1. Georous Encounter (D. Gallagher, 9-21; 2. Supremsm (3-1), 3. Härmony Hall (4-6 tav), 8 ran NR: Bob Knows, 13i, sh.hd. C. Mann. Tole: £8.60; £1.20, £1.40, £1.30 DF £8.40, CSF: £18.91.
3.45 (2m.41.110yd.ch) 1. Diego (R. Farran), 11-8 lavi; 2. High Park Lady (20-11, 3. Early Morning Call (10-1) 6 ran, NR. Haunting Music. Vinlage Classic. 177, 1-4 M Pitman. Tote: £2.40; £1.80, £3.40 DF £11.00, CSF. 222.79

4.15 (2m 110vd hdle) 1, Wakeel (L Corco-ian, 5-2); 2, Bertholomew Fair (11-4), 3, Thunderpoin) (11-10 fair) 5 fan, NR Sun-mer Villa 4, 11%L M Priman Tote, \$4.00 92,00,01,60, DF 93,00 CSF 910,09 4.45 (2m 44 110) of hole) 1, Coh Sho No (M A Rizgerald, 3-1); 2, Ellemine (2-1), 3 in The Genes (100-30) Legura Bay 7-4 la, 4 ran 7, 16f S Dow Tote £3.90 DF 94 70 CSF: £9.20

Placepot £187.70. Quadpot £48.40. Newton Abbot Going: good to limit

230 (2m 1f hdle) 1. Mukdar (N Williamson 9-4 (1-lav) 2. Weier Flower (3-4 (1-lav) 3. Ballour Lady (16-1) Southerly Wind 9-4 6-fav 8 ran 4l, 11l K Bailey Tote £3:20 £1 10 £1 60 £2:30 DF £5:80 CSF £7:13 3 00 (2m 6f hollet ft, Powder Monkey (3 Tormey, 4-1), 2 Parr Of Jacks 15-1 (an), 3 Sharp Embrace (11-1) 9 ran 44, 91 T Need-ham Tore 55 70 £1 50, £1 60, £2 40 DF £4.20 CSF £10 12 Troast £52 49 3.30 (2m 5f 110yd ch) ; Great Gusto (T J Murphy, 15-81 2, Mister Geto (25-1) 3 Mister Goodguy (7-2) Patedium Boy 7-4 tay 8 van 5f 334 P Nichtolis Toto £320, £1 50, £6 20, £1 10 DF £50 80 CSF £39 56 Tincast £152 62 2.00 (2m 1) India) 1, Fill The Bill (C Maude, 7.4 (3-) 2, Orange Order (2-1); 3, Jump The Legins (16-1); 7 (an 29), 131 M Pipe Tote (22 79), 21 90, 21 90, DF \$2.20 GSF \$5.67 4.30 (3m 21 110/d ch) 1. Lets Twist Agam (T J Murphy, 6-11, 2, Crabospie Hdl (2-7 lav) 3 /an. 71 M Sheppard, Tote £6 (5). DF £1.20 CSF £8.27

5:00 (2m 6) hd(e) 1, Rum Customer /8 Johnson, event tay), 2, On My Toes (7-2) 3, Geny's Pride (4-1) 5 ran, 9, 15 °C Banvell Tote (25:50 £1.70, £1:20 DF (3:20 CSF £5:38

Placepot: £122.20. Quadpot: £51.20. Southwell Going, good to limit

Suring, 94-50 to liam 2.30 (2m 41 10) yd chi 1, Verds Luna (42) R Fonctal 9-41; 2, Lislaughtin Abbes (4-1), 3, Sunta Jet (15-8 lav) 5 tan 61 22; R Smah Tose 23 30; 21-50, 22 00 DF 29-89 CSF £19-71 3.00 (3m 110/d ch) 1. Ordog Mor (J Carl-aghan 15-8), 2. Santella Bay (5-1) 3. Prot-ecca Strong (10-1) Evangolica 11-10 fav 5 (an Det 3:14 M Meaghor, Tota, 22-50 C1 90 91-60 CF, 92-30 CS, 210-57 3.30 (2m st 110)/d holler 1, Noblety IR Dunwoody, 4-7 (av): 2, Hachthier (33-1), 3, Haydown (20-1), 10 ran 7t. 51 R Amer Tota C 1.70; C 1.40, 05 00, 02 90 DF C35 80 CSF C32.10

4.00 (2m 41 110) d hdio(1). Snowy Petrel 1/Magos, 6-4; 2. Crodwck's Grigor (13-3) 3. Runawar, Peto (11-8 tev), 4-tan, 31 31:1 C Mann, 15ter 52:50 DF 55.30, CSF 55:24 4.30 (2m hg/c) 1. Tousten Lady (f/fr S Forectal, 6-1), 2. Beau Cyreno (5-1), 5 Kernol (16-11 Lav), 8 ran 15.1 9; Wharton 160: 27-50, 51-30, 51-40, 51-60 DF, 215.30 CSF C34.95 15-30 (3m 110yd hds) 1, The Covier Man 18th R Fortistat, 13-81, 2 Stendento (25-1), 3, Art Prince (8-11 fav) 8 ran NR: Cen Sho Can Can. Rochette Piere 201, 9-30 Cel-5 Total 22-90, 22-60, 516-70, 51 00 DF 510 30, CSF 535-68

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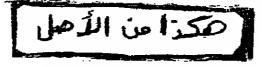
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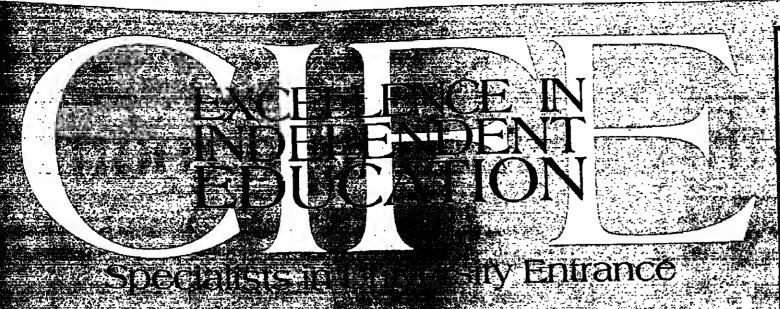
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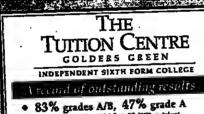
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AT INTERVIEW, students and parents can expect objective advice about the advantages and disadvantages of retaking A levels as opposed to accepting an alternative university place through Clearing. Many will be advised to make the best of the grades which they already hold, particularly when they are interested exclusively in courses or institutions not accepting retake students, or where the technical difficulties involved in changing syllabuses are overwhelming. For other students, though, the retake year provides a final chance to improve the A level curriculum vitae that will remain with them for life. Many will seize the late opportunity of taking an unplanned Gap Year, the first term of which is spent improving the A level scores so that they can enter the university of their choice. Many others will use the time to replan their subject combinations - both at A level and university recognising that it will take longer to change their career paths in ten years time than it will now. Whatever the type of retake course, CIFE colleges provide students with a smooth transition between school and higher education and the opportunity of being taught the essential subjectspecific skills that will be so important when they enter the more independent learning environment of a university.

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Fear and loathing in a college room

Students think they are safe at university. But are they? Annabel **Venning reports**

n my second day at uni-versity, I was handed a rape alarm and told to be careful in certain parts of town. Nobody mentioned anything about my fellow students.

I was working on my final-year dissertation one morning when there was a vigorous rapping on the door of my room. Thinking it was a friend, I opened it. Steve burst in, unleashing a torrent of de-mands before I could protest. Why

mands before I could protest. Why
wouldn't I go out with him? Who
did I think I was? Did I have a problem with the colour of his skin?
As his interrogation became increasingly aggressive, I began to
feel cornered. When I finally got
him out of the door ten minutes later and picked up my pen. I found that my hand was trembling.

Over the next three weeks, Steve's behaviour became increasingly disturbing. I began working in the library to avoid him, but found that he was monitoring my movements. Wherever I went — aerobics classes, careers presentations, college meetings - Steve seemed to materialise. "Oh yeah, Steve was asking where you were. I told him you'd be there," friends would innocently admit afterwards. Once I went to dinner with friends and missed a presentation I had been due to attend. "Steve was asking where you were. He seemed really angry and wanted to know who you were at dinner with," I was told.

I began to feel hunted and men-tally battered by his continual de-mands that I should go out with him. I blamed myself for having inadvertently encouraged him when, spotting him looking forlorn in his garish shell-suit among the ranks of Aran sweaters and rugby shirts. I had struck up a conversation. I thought about reporting him but convinced myself that this would be overreacting. Surely no one who



Student life can induce a false sense of security: freshers should be aware that responsibility for personal safety falls on their shoulders

left such an excruciatingly bad poem outside my door, entitled "Ode to Annabel", should be taken seriously? Besides, no harm could

come to me in college — could it?
Fortunately 1 was right. Steve was socially inept rather than dangerous. One evening when he turned up again at my room in a belligerent mood, I lost my temper and unleashed a tirade of abuse, threatening to report him. The confrontation lef me shaken, but he never bothered me again.

My experience, while upsetting, was at the mild end of the scale, It was not, however, an isolated case. I know more than one person who experienced much worse at the hands of a fellow student.

This is not to suggest that student-on-student harassment is endemic. Indeed, it is hard to gauge how much occurs, as neither the po-

lice nor universities keep separate figures on student-related crime. But it has clearly become a serious enough problem for the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) to take the recent step of requiring would-be students to declare criminal convictions on their application forms. The move followed a series of attacks by students with criminal records, including a serious sexual assault at Southampton University for which a student was jailed for life.

Both university authorities and the National Union of Students (NUS) are keen to emphasise that, far from being particularly vulnera-ble, students live in more protected environments than most adults. The NUS has consistently lobbied university authorities to take practical measures to ensure the safety of their students, and the authorities have responded by installing good lighting and security cameras on

campuses, and employing guards, welfare officers and counsellors.
Yet, as Keith Seacroft from Durham University press office admits, the very nature of university life can create problems for student safety. Young people many fresh safety. Young people, many fresh out of school and away from home for the first time, are suddenly re-sponsible for their own safety.

I lost my temper and threatened to report him

The heady feeling of freedom from teachers, parents and rules, and the excitement of living in mixed halls with other young peo-ple, coupled with the comfortable feeling of being part of an institution, can produce a false sense of security. Police liaison officers are often amazed to find that students routinely leave windows open and doors unlocked. Students in halls often know little about the person who is sleeping next door, but think nothing of joining them for a latenight cup of coffee in their room. Young women happily leave night-clubs with total strangers must be clubs with total strangers, just because they go to the same university. There is a feeling that any fellow student must be OK.

for your security is all part says Mr Seacroft. "Universities will do everything they can to provide their students with a safe environment but, in the end, they cannot be responsible for the ac-tions of individuals."

The message is this: students must be aware that they no longer have parents or teachers looking out for their safety. They must do so themselves.

Universities have developed an impressive array of counselling services to help victims of harassment. Manchester University, for example, last year installed 16 trained harassment advisers. But the authorities must also take strong action against offenders, to show that there is no room for anyone whose behaviour threatens the welfare of their fellow students.

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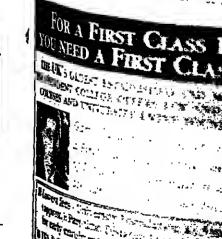
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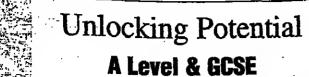
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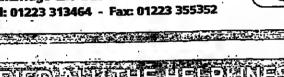


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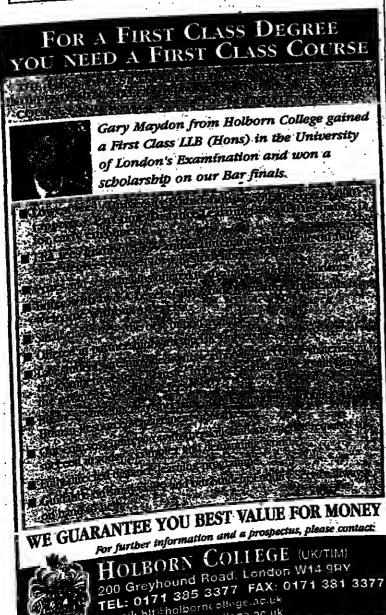
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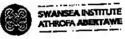
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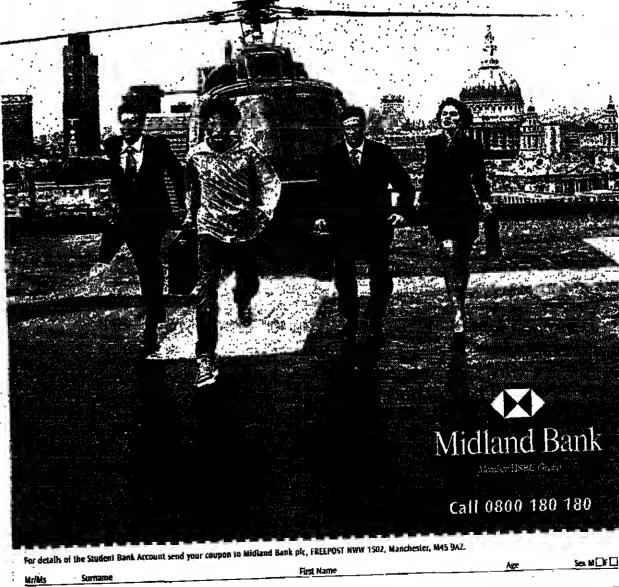
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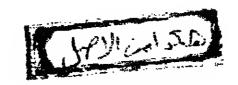


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The recent story of the judge who went on the cheapest of package holidays to test the claims of the disgruntled customers whose case he was judging was bound, therefore, to be seen as rather risible. In order to evaluate properly the quality of the holiday, would the judge join in group singing on the coach or try to drink sangria from a restaurant

In fact, the trip of District Judge Anthony Cleary to the Palm Court Hotel in Malta was a perfectly sensible way of coming to a decision in a case where the testimony of both sides would otherwise be difficult to assess. There is, moreover, no real novelty in the excursion. Judg-

es have been undertaking "views" for centuries. A case from 1696 records the judge going on a view to help to decide whether a defendant had been trespassing on the plaintiff's land.

A view is any inspection out of court of a place where something key to a case is alleged to have happened la locus in qeo) or of an object which it is onvenient or impossible it bling to court. Often, seeing something can allow a judge, jury or magistrate to reach a decisive conclusion about a matter otherwise in dispute.

In a case in 1955, the plain-Thomas -- Buckingham, worked as a "rotary machine attendant" for the Daily News lid in Bouverie Street, Lon-

One of his jobs was cleaning the "tucking blades" used in the newspaper production for folding the pages. He cut himself badly on the machinery during production and sued his employer.

The court had to decide whether the process of cleaning the machine was unduly dangerous: the trial judge de-cited against the worker after having gone to the firm to watch the machine in action. and listen to Mr Buckingham

THE International Criminal Court (ICC),

which is being set up in The Hague, may

be flawed and fragile, "but it has the great merit of existing," says Denis Robiliard the President of Amnesty Interna-

For the first time, the international com-

munity has given itself a permanent tribu-nal io complement, and perhaps replace,

national criminal law systems. If it

works, the court could be the first step to-

wards a legal revolution that will trans-

The "if" however, remains stubbornly

large. The founding treaty approved in

Rome by 120 states was criticised by hu-

man rights organisations, which found it

too tircumspect, and by the United

After five weeks of tense negotiation.

the world's only superpower was one of

seven countries that refused to sign up to a count that, as a result, will have difficul-

States, which found it too ambitious.

form relations between countries.

tional in France.

describe on site how he was cleaning the blades of the equipment on the night in question. The Court of Appeal upheld the decision saying that a judge was entitled to follow impressions formed at a view, even if these were contradicted by most of the evidence in the case.

Where a view takes place, it should be attended by the judge, members of the jury if there is one, the parties and counsel. Each side must be given an opportunity to be present, and, in civil proceedings, failure to offer this opportunity can result in a retrial,

There is, though, some authority for the idea that when a judge simply wants to visit a relevant location previously shown to him in a

photograph plan, he can do so Would a without reference to either side. According to one case report. Lord Chief Justice Goddard once went on drain-thea private view of platform 13 at sangría-

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Euston station. The Court of Appeal has, however, called this practice "undesirable" because, unknown to the trial

judge, the place in question. such as a station platform, a road junction or even a staircase might have been altered between the incident in dispute and the trial. Views can also be of great

importance in criminal cases. In a case involving a charge of assault, the defendant was alleged to have attacked someone outside a bub. The crucial prosecution witness was someone who claimed to have seen the attack from inside the pub.

magistrates, their clerk, and lawyers for both the defendant and the prosecution went to conduct a view of the location, but left the defendant outside. The Divisional Court said that such an omission was wrong because a defendant (unless he is disruptive or ill) should be present all the time during a case, and a view was part of the trial. The magistrates or lawyers might not have understood something about how the pub furniture or lighting was arranged on the night of the alleged attack and the defendant should have had an opportunity to correct them. Views are sometimes expen-



Whooping it up on the Costa del Package: the chance to view provides an interesting change for judges

sive, but no savings can be made by judges conscious of the pressures to keep costs down. In one criminal case of alleged drunken driving, in which police officers asserted that it was the defendant whom they had seen driving in an erratic manner, the quality of the street lighting became an issue. Rather than allow Most judicial work is cerethe whole jury to go on a visit. the trial judge authorised one juror who lived near the scene

to view it and describe it to the others. The defendant's subsequent conviction was quashed on appeal by a court that said there was no room in the system for apportioning work between jurors. On his return from the Palm Court Hotel in Malta, District Judge Cleary ruled at Birming-

had sued the holiday company had been bargain-hunting and would "have placed little or no reliance on anything other than price". He did not vin-dicate their complaints, and said that intolerable delays at the airport had given the holidaymakers a distorted perception of their hotel stay.

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ham County Court that it was obvious that the families who the Open University.

functions properly." An independent prosecutor will be able to take action

against suspects accused of one of the

three core crimes. A state or the UN Secu-

rity Council can also initiate proceedings.

ample, defendants must either be nation-

als of a signatory state or have committed crimes in one. Thus, Pol Pot would have escaped judgment because his regime

In an attempt to appease American

and French concerns over "rogue prosecu-

tions" of UN peacekeeping troops who find themselves dragged into internal

conflicts, the conference also established

a judicial chamber that will ratify - or

nullify - the prosecutor's decisions. But

the most controversial decision at Rome

was to grant states the possibility of a sev-

en-year opt-out from the war crimes clause. "That," M Robiliard says, "is a li-

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cence to kill for seven years."

would not have signed the treaty.

There are, however, strict limits; for ex-

sensory so the chance to conduct a view must afford an interesting change for many judges. However, as hundreds of dissatisfied customers return from various disastrous holidays, some judges are no doubt getting worried about some of the places they might

• Dr Gary Slapper is Direc-tor of the Law Programme at

Tanks outside, banks out of cash

Edward Fennell on how lawyers are grappling with the Russian crisis

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ld hands in the Moscow office of Baker & McKenzie are accustomed to crises on their doorstep. In 1991 tanks parked outside their building, a year later one of their paralegals was shot by a

Now, says Carol Patterson, the office managing partner, tocally re-cruited staff cannot get access to their salaries. She adds: "We have had to change our bank several times because of problems of liquidi-

Oddly enough, the financial crisis means that the firm has been busier than ever. "We have a number of ongoing deals and we have been told to stop work on none of

them," she says. "In any case, i have had calls from clients to say they want to continue what they are doing in Rus-

Like most locally based advisers, she is reluctant to make any predictions about the medium term. But Patrick Seferovich, an American energy lawyer with Denton Hall in Moscow. says that the situation is

'unique in its seriousness' As a former lawyer with Occidental Oil, he finds the crisis particularly frustrating because he is acutely aware of the tremendous wealth that lies beneath the ground in Russia. But he highlights two obstacles to releasing these resources: first, the political impasse in the Duma; secondly, the consistent failure during the past six years to reform adequately the legal framework, which he sees as a key cause of the collapse of the Russiane conomy.

Without the proper laws in place," he says, "you cannot give Western investors the protection they want before they will become involved."

Though the Russian Government has been inundated with advice from the West on legal reform Isome of it inconsistent, some irrelevant), the right kind of changes bave not been implemented to enable real development to take place, "If you have long-term confidence in the Russian economy," he says. "now may be the time to buy. But some people here believe that the West is stealing Russia's resources, leading to a reluctance to make the

necessary changes Meanwhile, the task of dealing with the immediate crisis continues.

Clifford Chance played a central role in rescheduling the former Soviet Un-Autumn is ion's debt (although the arrangement is excluded from the current moratorium on repayments). And with that pedigree. the firm is very active for a wide range of foreign clients wanting to secure their positions in Moscow. Keith Clark, the firm's managing partner, said last week: "We

are drafting more people into Moscow and we also have teams of lawyers in Frankfurt, London and Paris working on behalf of client banks. A crisis such as this underlines the advantages of being able to adopt a pan-European approach,

Chris Roberts, of Allen & Overy, believes that the priority will be to bring clarification to the restructuring of loans. A Russian lawyer poiots out, however, that autumn is traditionally a politically dangerous season in Russia. He says: "I do not rule out the possibility of riots. For people without dollars, life is likely to become very difficult."

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Nailing war criminals

American negotiator, says the tribunal is strong on paper but weak in reality".

Harriet Ware-Austin of Annuesty Inter-

national in Britain comments: "It would

have been better if the US had agreed. But its attitude may evolve. After all, a few years ago we were laughed at for sug-gesting that the court should be estab-

The concept was mooted 50 years ago.

when idealists dreamt of a permanent tri-

bunal to prosecute perpetrators of geno-

cide, war crimes and crimes against hu-

manity. Their project was shelved during

the Cold War, resuscitated after the fall of the Berlin Wall and given dynamism af-

ter the butchery in Bosnia and Rwanda.

cuss the idea, about 1,700 areas of disa-

greement were underlined in the

175-page draft. The diplomatic compro-

mise that emerged five weeks later was a triumph for Philippe Kirsch, the Canadi-

an diplomat who chaired the conference.

When the UN started on June 15 to dis-

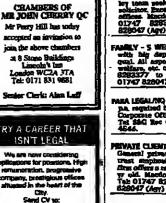
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Keeping divorce clean

Separating couples are to have help in finding the best solicitors for their case, says Marilyn Stowe

artners in a collapsing marriage are not in the ideal frame of mind to choose the lawyer best able to help them through one of the most difficult times of their lives. Yet that is what is expected of thousands of men and women each year without any practical way of distinguishing between the abilities of the solicitors available.

How are they expected to judge who is skilled, who has genuine experience in the complex field of

family law and who merely purports to have? How can they How can know which lawyers relish turning cases into slugging matches in court or which ones you find prefer the infinitely the best more humane route of settlement by agreelawyer? How can they know

which lawyer has a sensible approach to keeping costs down and which will run up the meter to such an extent that the parties are in danger of spending the assets in meeting the bill? I recently came across a case in which the assets were worth no more than £40,000 and the lawyer had run up costs of £14,000 and the case was not yet halfway through. That is unforgivable. How are people expected to negotiate their way through a minefield that has undoubtedly claimed casualties over the years? How do they tell which lawyers are weak, which are over-aggressive, which are negligent and which simply in-

With one marriage in three ending in divorce and the caseload of lawyers in the field likely to become heavier and more complex just look at same-sex relationships, prenuptial agreements and cross-border child abduction the decision by the Law Society to establish a Family Law Panel is

long overdue.

The panel will begin taking applications for accreditation next month and be formally launched in January next year. It will set benchmark standards and will, I am convinced, protect the public and aid the profession.

Of course, not everyone in the profession favours a system of accreditation. Some argue that the level of specialist attainment does not warrant the creation of a panel or that there are too many lawyers who are over-aggressive and may not comply with the non-adversari-al approach seen as best practice.

However, the aim of the Family Law Panel is not only to reward and recognise specialists but, importantly, to encourage, advise and assist the development of skilled family lawyers. It is not intended to be a rigid, exclusive club but an inclusive body. Criticism before the actual standard has been announced is premature. Those standards will be exacting.
All applicants, and there are ex-

pected to be about 5.000 solicitors seeking accreditation, will have to complete questionnaires which will be marked by a team of assessors. I will be the chief assessor/ chief examiner. These will be family lawyers with at least ten years' experience and who may also hold judicial office. Individual candidates must have three years admission and 350 chargeable hours



in family law over the past three years. Otherwise, applicants must show 1,000 hours of general litiga-tion experience within the previous three years and minimum family experience, post-qualification, of 350 hours within the past

They will also have to pass written examination or other assessment as deemed appropriate.

hat will accreditation mean? It will provide a badge of quality based on this simple criterion; would an informed observer be happy if a friend or relative had instructed the solicitor concerned?

This is just a beginning. I see than professional abilities. For the public, the Family Law Panel should serve as a mark of reassurthe process evolving. Perhaps the qualifying criterion may be set higher, perhaps there should be ance; helping to promote trust belevels of attainment for specialist tween lawyer and client and cutpractitioners over and above the ting down on the number of comstandard mark? plaints that arise when this trust It is vitally important that the

panel is seen as helpful to the pro-Most importantly, bowever, it fession. I would prefer to give apwill mean that men and women. plicants the opportunity to put often at the most vulnerable time right a defect than simply failing of their lives, will be prevented from making decisions that could them, because this will inevitably lead to a rise in standards.

1 also believe that membership The author is head of the family law of the panel will be a more approteam at the Leeds solicitors Grahame priate criterion for a legal aid fran-Stowe Bateson and has just been ap-pointed chief assessor/chief examiner of the Family Law Panel of the Law Soments, which are more about internal administrative systems

Greedy briefs, foolish judges

Martin Mears despairs at the system's response to some bitter divorces

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bore. This Ancient Mariner's tale is of bitter injustices suffered at the hands of grasping spouses, shyster lawyers and prejudiced judges. Only politeness prevents the company from responding in the same manner as the Mariner's reluctant audience: "Hold

offi Unhand me, greybeard loon!"

Terence Frisby is the author of the 1970s stage hit There's a Girl in My Soup. His latest work Outrageous Fornes is, however, far from light comedy. It must rank as the mother of all divorce-bore sagas - except that it is not in the least boring.

Mr Frisby spent more than ten years in the colls of the divorce lawyers and emerged a scarred and bitter man. Non-lawyers or those without experience of the family courts

will suspect him of exagger-ating. Others will think he is describing the abuses and injustices of the past. Not so. For every one of the grotesqueries related by Mr Frisby, I can think of a parallel in my own legal ex-perience or, indeed, in the recent law reports.

I fear At an early stage, Mr Fris-by was evicted from his own house by an "ouster in-

junction". Later, he was awarded "access" to his young son: two hours a fort-night. He applied for an increase. The application was rejected with the startling words: "It may be that this father is being too possessive. I think once a fortnight is appropriate." This is how many family judges thought in the early Seventies. Some still do. "Absent" fathers, in practice, still have as much or as little contact with their young children as the mother is prepared to concede. Indeed, the courts ruled years ago that a mother had an undoubted right to move wherever she wished, even if this meant that father and children never saw each other. At the same time, the courts have emphasised that the questions of access/contact and child maintenance are wholly unrelated. Mr Frisby complains bitter ly about the bloodymindedness of his wife's lawyer and the general anti-husband/father bias of the courts.

On each of these counts, he presents a compelling case. Even if he is wrong about particular instances, his general picture is all too plausible. Bloody-

There is no greater wrecker of dinner parties than the divorce a reputation as effective divorce practitioners for possessing precisely this quality. The object is to wear the other party down by a barrage of applica-tions, affidavits, correspondence and demands for discovery, along with a refusal to give way on any point whatso ever. Unsurprisingly, the resultant law-yer's bills are routinely out of all pro-portion to the assets involved.

Judicial bias? This is a general one derived from the institutional assumptions of the family courts and the inherited attitudes of the judges. The reports of Court of Appeal decisions contain numerous examples. In Lousion v Henig, the Court of Appeal gave leave to a divorced mother to take young children to New Zealand, severing what the judges themselves described

as the children's "close and loving relationship with their father and paternal grandparents". In Fisher v Fisher, Lord Justice Nourse saw nothing odd in requirmoved on? ing a husband to pay in-creased maintenance to en-able his former wife to support a child she had by an-other man after the separa-tion. In Whiting v Whiting, the court refused to discharge a nominal periodi-

cal payments order in favour of the wife, even though her financial posi-tion was arguably better than the bus-band's: she might fall on hard times

and need a "last backstop". Mr Frisby, likewise, was ordered to pay maintenance to a young, able-bod-ied woman who was actually financially better off than he was. Whenever he lost a round, he would be ordered to pay costs, whereas if he won, there always seemed to be some reason why there should be a no-costs order.

Have we moved on since Mr Prisby's tribulations? It is unlikely that some of the crasser injustices would be inflicted today. Ouster injunctions are no looger granted routinely. Judges are more ready to concede that divorced fathers should have at leastsome rights in relation to their children. But that is only to say that the culture is slowly changing, not that it has

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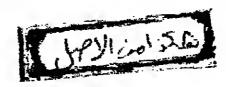
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Those seeking places should start by making a phone call, says John O'Leary

How to use listings

Today's listing of courses with vacancies in clearing covers engineering and technology. Although slow to fill in many cases and generally demanding lower grades than the popular arts and social sciences; the area has an enviable

employment record.

Listings will continue to appear in The Times until the end of this week. The Times until the end of this week. Vacancies in mathematics and science subjects will be published tomorrow, with the arts and social sciences — by far the biggest section — following on Thursday. The areas rotate so that every subject is covered twice a week. Full listings are available on The Times website, at http://www.the-times.co.uk Places have been filled at an unprecedented rate this year, largely because

dented rate this year, largely because the clearing process is now highly efficient. The total number of candidates placed this month is now well over 250,000. Although most of the

courses on this page will have va-cancies right up until the start of term next month, an early application is advisable to ensure that your chosen programme remains available.

Clearing is also open to new applicants, so it is not too late to find a higher education place next month if personal circumstances have changed and you want to start a degree. The information in the listings has

been supplied by universities and colleges themselves, but is not exhaustive. Candidates are advised to check with institutions direct to be certain about whether courses have vacancies.

If you are rejected by your chosen institutions, then you are automatically eligible for clearing. Ucas will send you a clearing entry form (CEF) with instructions. Cootact Ucas, in Chelten-ham, if the form had not arrived by this morning.

Once you have decided on a course to pursue, contact the institution with vour CEF number and your Ucas applicant number. The university or college will ask for the form if it is offering a place, but you should send it only when you have eliminated any other options.

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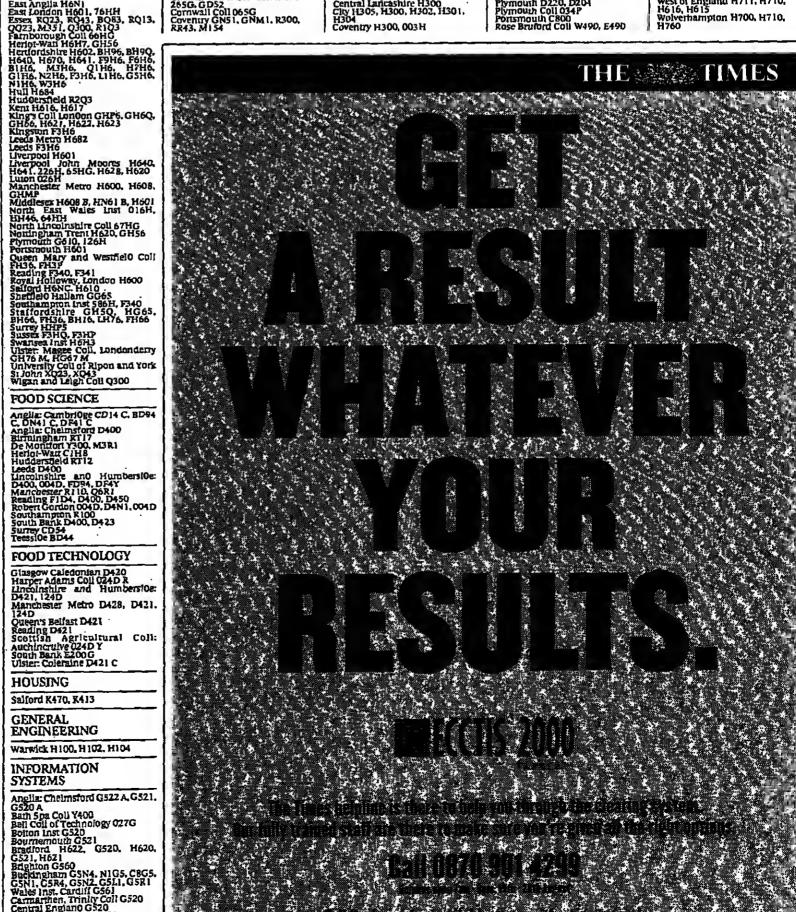
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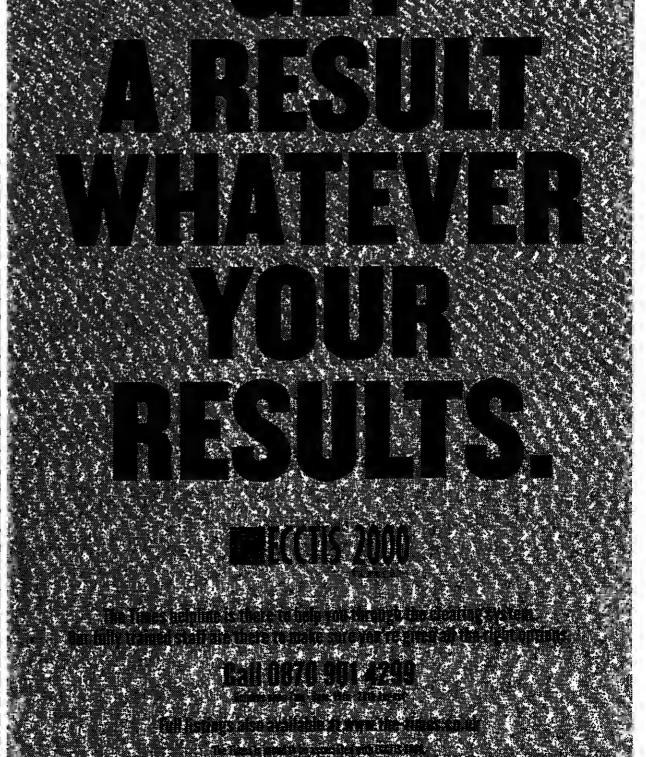
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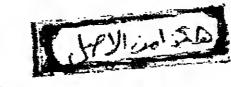
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Enterprise to stay in the black

ENTERPRISE OIL: Will the oil explorer manage to stay in the black and will it be forced to cut the dividend? These are just some of the questions to which brokers will want answers when the company unveils half-year results tomorrow.

BT Alex Brown, the broker, is forecasting a collapse in profits but expects the company to remain in the black—if only just.

Net profits are forecast to plunge from E71.1 million to £8.6 million with earnings per share down almost \$0 per cent share down almost 50 per cent at 8.lp.

The decline in profitability will have been precipitated by the 30 per cent drop in the oil price during the period and a 5 per cent fall in production to 219,000 barrels a day.

Against such a gloomy back-drop for the oil producers. En-terprise is expected to peg the payout to 6.9p this time round with a further review of the situation at the year end.

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has grown by 10 per cent to 1,615 with the average selling price up from £113,500 to £120,000.

Brokers expect to see the dividend grow from 3.3p to 3.55p.

BUNZL: The fast-growing paper and packaging group should be capable of producing further strong earnings growth in the current year, but with profits growth weighted towards the second half, interim results published today are expected to show little change this time round.

ABN Amro Hoare Govett,



A 30 per cent fall in the oil price has not made life easy for Graham Hearne of Enterprise Oil

lion to £66.6 million. Earnings per share should also be virtually unchanged at about 9p.

Hoare says the results will benefit from its strong acquisi-tion programme and organic growth in the key divisions.

growth in the key divisions.

Strong volume growth should more than offset any price deflation in the disposables divisions with the business benefiting from further outsourcing by customers and the growth of the home meal replacement market. Filters and tapes are expected

to have produced an exceptionthe broker, is forecasting pre-tax profits of £62 million for the the impact of sterling and despute the impact of sterling and the re-cession in the Far East. The ally strong performance despite market range is from £62 mil- produce some added momen- An exceptionally strong per- this division's exposure to the from 3.5p to 3.8p.

turn, while the introduction of formance from its rapidly exnew technology should provide the business with fresh scope for improvement.

Price deflation of between 3 per cent and 4 per cent year-on-year will hold back the perform-ance of the fine paper division. A dull performance from the US Job-Lot operation is also

likely to put a brake on things. Meanwhile, another positive outcome is expected from the plastics division where volumes in the core caps and plugs business remains buoyant. The only flat spot is likely to be the Brazilian cosmetics operation. A payout of 2.5p is forecast.

panding Flexonics business should provide a useful in-crease in both profits and earnings this year. The first indica-tion of just how strong that performance will be should be evident when half-year results are

published on Thursday. BT Alex Brown, the broker, is forecasting pre-tax profits of £23.3 million this time round compared with £19.5 million for the corresponding period. Earnings per share are likely to have grown by 17 per cent to

The main thrust to profitabiliry will come from the Flexonics business. Prospects in mind £62.4 million last time. The AFC acquisition should start to SENIOR ENGINEERING: remain good bearing in mind

US where it is heavily involved in the automotive and aerospace industries. BT Alex Brown is forecasting average earnings growth from Flexon-ics of 15 per cent over the next

three years. Meanwhile, Senior is expected to line up further acquisi-tions in the US and should continue to develop its operations through the development of adjacent technologies. Look out for an increase in the half-year payout from t.6p to 1.8p.

PERSIMMON: Interim results posted later kick off the dividend reporting season for the housbuilders with pre-tax profits set to come in 30 per cent higher at £28 million, while earnings per share grow from 10p to 11.8p.

The figures are likely to provide an accurate indicator of the housing market and how badly demand has been affected by increased interest rates.

The rise in profits is expected to come from increased volume with the number of completed houses growing from 3.194 to 3,330 while the average selling price goes up £4,000 to £84,000. But cost inflation will also be up and planning delays have been a regular feature for builders this year. The dividend will be up from

3.2p to 3.4p.

CRH: The group will continue to benefit from its strong acquisition programme as half-year results should reveal today. Pre-tax profits will grow from £65.7 million to between £80 million and £85 million. Earnings per share should also be about 25 per cent higher at

16.2p.
The group has spent £126 million on acquisitions so far this year, making it the fifth-biggest building materials supplier. Most of these acquisitions have been made in the US which now accounts for 50 per cent of

Ireland continues to enjoy a strong construction market having already achieved doubledigit growth during the past four years. Margins in Britain should show some improvement but remain below the sector average.

The payout is likely to grow

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

World events to dominate

very thin week for British eco-nomic statistics kicks off today with the latest snapshot of activity in manufacturing industry from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Sup-ply which coincides with July figures for consumer credit and August figures for M0 narrow money supply. The purchasing managers' survey has come to be closely watched as an early indicator of activity, being the first snapshot of the state of the economy each month.

Given recent news of surprising resilience in manufacturing industry and intensifying speculation about the extent of the economic slowdown, this survey will be particularly carefully analysed.

Potentially of even greater interest is the institute's monthly survey on activity in service industries, due to be published on Thursday. Given increasing evidence in other surveys that services are beginning to be dragged down by slower activity in manufacturing, this will be an important release. Apart from this, the only other British indicator is the official reserves tomorrow.

In the context of the intensifying crisis in emerging markets and last week's im-plosion of stock markets including London and Wall Street, overseas economic indicators will assume centre stage.

Of great interest will be any results to emerge from the two-day summit meeting between President Clinton and President YeltsIn in Moscow yesterday and today as well as any news on the confirmation of Viktor Chernomyrdin as Russian Prime Minister by the Duma. Further bulletins on Russia's debt rescheduling will also be tracked.

The detail in Moscow's debt rescheduling plans will be of particular interest to Germany, German banks are exposed to Russian to the tune of DM75 billion (£25 billion) and fears were expressed over the weekend that America may receive preferential treatment in the debt restruc-

turing process. There are a number of key American economic indicators including the August purchasing managers' survey on manufacturing today, July factory or-ders tomorrow, the purchasing manag-ers' survey on services on Thursday and key August labour market statistics on Friday. The state of the labour market is one of the key determinants of the US Federal Reserve's interest rate policy, the subject of intense market specula-

tion currently.

From the Far East, there will be South Korean trade figures for August, Japanese figures covering car sales and foreign exchange reserves, and second-quarter GDP figures for Indonesia, which promise to be a key focus after the large fall in Hong Kong growth in the second quarter announced last week.

JANET BUSH

Boost for home shopping



Wolfson: heads GUS

LEGAL NOTICES

HOME SHOPPING, which now accounts for less than 5 per cent of retail sales and is worth £8.2 billion a year, is about to enter a period of rapid growth as a huge number of new catalogues

enter the market.

The entry into clothing home shopping of Marks & Spencer and other big high street retailers will enable home shopping to compete with the high street, according to Verdict, the retail consultancy. Home shopping will also be helped by the launch of upmarket catalogues

By Sarah Cunningham, retail correspondent by established mail order firms such as Freemans, Em-pire and Great Universal Stores, which is run by Lord

Wolfson of Sumningdale. The only qualm expressed by Verdict in the report released today is that a number of the new catalogues are expensively produced "and have yet to demonstrate that they

are viable commercially". Traditional agency mail order, which is based on a network of agents who are paid a fee to use their copy of a cata-

logue to make orders for friends and family, now accounts for 52 per cent of the home shopping sector. Verdict expects this to fall to below half early in the next decade.

The calibre of the new enrants into direct home shop-ping — including Marks & Spencer and Arcadia, the doth-ing retail group that encom-passes Dorothy Perkins, Evans, Top Shop and Principles — is removing any stigma attached to it and taking it into the retailing mainstream.

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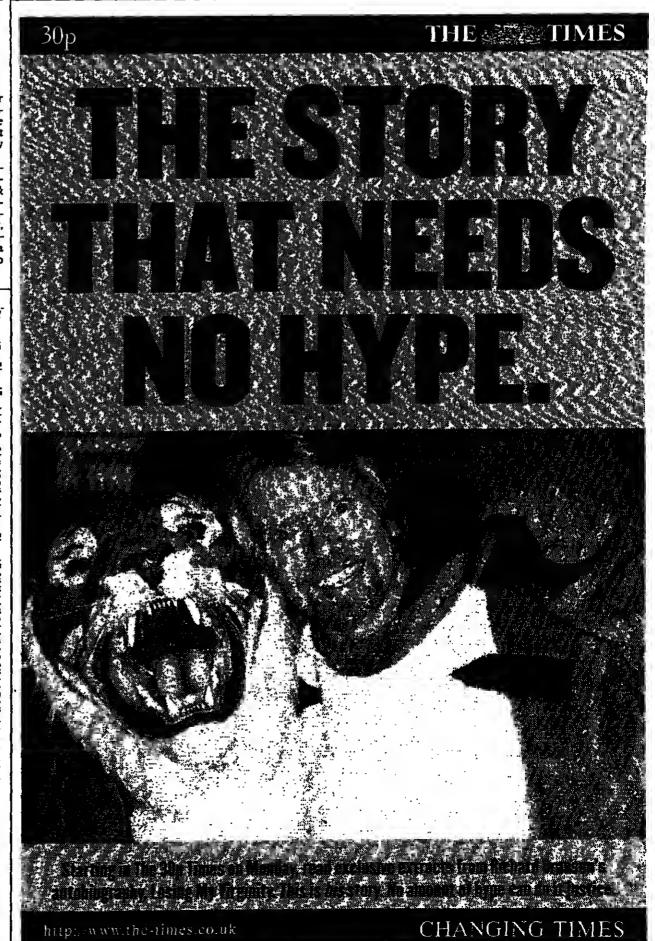
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DTI faces

action by

landlords

over guest

ale sales

By RICHARD MILES

A GROUP of tied pub land-

lords is preparing to sue the

Department of Trade and In-

dustry for £1.6 billion in dam-

ages because they have been

forced to use a home-produced

beer as their guest ale rather

than a cheaper foreign import.

The group of rebel Inntrepreneur landiords, who are locked

in a legal battle with Nomura.

the Japanese investment bank

that owns the pub chain, over

the terms of their lease, claims the DTI is breaking European

law by requiring a guest ale to be "a bottom-fermented, cask-produced" beer.

Guest ales make up an estimated 5 per cent of a puh's rev-enues, but if landlords were

permitted to sell cheap lager in-

stead — a high volume drink available at wide discounts

across the European Union -

the guest ale could account for

50 per cent of a pub's annual income. A court ruling in fa-vour of the landlords would hit the revenues of the big pub

companies and would also un-

dermine any attempt by banks such as Nomura to securitise the cashflow of pubs. About

half the income from a tied

agreement derives from sales

of the brewers' own drinks.

Junction charge attacked by developers

Py Fraser Nelson

LAND SECURITIES, the £4.5 billion property investment company, has attacked govern-ment reforms that will force private developers to pay for the upkeep of new road junctions on an indefinite basis.

The company bas given warning that the charges - to be levied on developers building feeder roads on to a motorway or trunk road - may de-ter urban regeneration and militate against job creation.

lan Henderson, chief executive. .aid: "Il is not right that the present generation should pay the maintenance charges resulting from road usage by

future generations."
The reforms, which have slipped the anention of many in the construction industry, are buried within the pages of the Government's Road Review and were highlighted by Estates Gazette. Under the old system, developers would help to pay for the construction of a new junction but the High-

ways Agency would look after it on an ongoing basis. Terry Mulroy, a spokesman for the Institute of Civil Engineers, said: "This is just a new form of tax for the private sector. The developers won't like it, they will just pass it on."

The Highways Agency said: "It is the development that is spurring extra traffic, so it is the developer who should contribute to the maintenance of the roads, even if they are used

by a wider public."

The level of tax will be arranged on an individual basis. It is not expected to bring in more than £10 million a year.

Airbus set to take on Boeing again over TWA order

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

newed doglight over a billiondollar airline order in the wake of the controversial British Airways purchase from the European aerospace consortium.

Trans World Airlines, the US carrier, is seeking bids from manufacturers for a refitting of its entire fleet. The order will be worth up to \$5 billion (E3 billion), the same amount that BA spent at Air-

hus and Boeing together. The US carrier is an important target for Airbüs because it would open up the American market, still largely dominated by Boeing. American Airlines. Delta and Continental all have exclusivity agree-ments that prevent them from buying Airbus aircraft for sev-

eral years or even decades. TWA is looking to buy up to 100 narrow-body aircraft, and has concluded its technical evaluation of Airbus's A320

By Fraser Nelson

A FORMER management con-

sultant who advised Avocet on

an aborted flotation six years

ago stands to gain £9 million

in shares if the window and

door security company suc-

ceeds in coming to the market

AIRBUS and Boeing face a re- model as well as Boeing's 717

Winning the order for the initial refitting is likely to result in further orders as the airline updates and adds to its fleet. TWA is currently a Boeing client with an ageing fleet of 727 single-aisle planes.

One US aerospace analyst said: "Airbus has a good chance of beating Boeing on its home turi. It would be an important victory.

Similar to the BA order, the TWA bid battle is likely to raise shareholder concerns that Airbus could forsake profitability to win the order at any

Analysts have suggested that Airbus may not make a profit on the BA order because it dropped its prices unusually low to beat Boeing.

TWA has not made a profit in a decade and is burdened by debts of more than \$800 mil-

Avocet float to net Kent £9m

chief executive of Avocet after

it decided on a trade sale rath-

er than flotation in 1992,

stands to own up to 13 per cent

of the company depending on

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He said: "Under market con-

lion. If Airbus was to make a low-ball offer, Wall Street believes that TWA would end its longstanding association with

The US analyst said: "TWA is in no position to be choosey. Whoever makes the lowest offer wins. It should have refitted its fleet years ago but could never afford it."

Traditionally, airlines prefer to stick to one manufacturer to avoid having to train pi-lots and technicians on two different sets of aircraft.

BA announced last week that it will huy up to 220 new aircraft, including up to 188 short-haol jets from Airbus. Firm orders have been placed for 59 A320 Airbus jets valued at as much as \$2.8 billion, with options on an additional 129 aircraft. BA announced firm orders for 16 Boeing jets valued at about \$2.4 billion, plus op-tions on 16 additional aircraft.

repay the £65 million of debt it

took on after last year's buyout

from SIG group. It paid £4.1 million in interest repayments

Avocet buys most of its win-

dow and door locks from the

Far East, and says it can only

benefit from the current cur-

rency turmoil. It hopes to float

with a price tag of £70 million.

last year alone.



Old Monk, new money: from left, Jonathan Hale, Gerry Martin and Steve Pyle

Pub chain goes to AIM

BY DOMINIC WALSH

GERRY MARTIN, whose brother Tim is chairman of J D Wetherspoon, is to float his own pub company. The Old Monk Company is to raise £3 million on the Alternative Investment Market. Before new money, the float is expected to value the company at between £12 million and £14 million.

Mr Martin plans to expand

his southern-based estate of 18 pubs into a nationwide chain of 50 premises within three years, largely using the Old Monk brand, a free-house concept similar in style to Wether-

In the year to April 30, the Old Monk Company lifted pre-tax profits by 118 per cent to £489,000, on turnover 91 per cent higher at £6.41 million. Operating profit was 96 per cent higher at £717,000. After a £1.3 million private placing in February, the company has about 50 shareholders. The float will dilute Mr Martin's 80 per cent holding to 60 per

Despite the recent pressure on pub company shares, he is confident of getting the float away: "As long as we are realistic in our pricing we'll be

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Martin Moore, who claims to have obtained sufficient funding to mount the legal action, says regional and smaller independent brewers would be un-affected by the lawsuit because the guest ale requirement applies only to pub chains with 2,000 or more outlets. He said: "Article 30 of the

Treaty [of Rome] is designed to eliminate national barriers to the free movement of goods. It extends to government-sponsored campaigns in favour of home-produced goods. We believe the requirement to have a guest ale under these terms is covered by the treaty."

Mr Moore claims that if the

law had been interpreted correctly since 1989, then the 12,500 landlords who buy a guest ale would have been bet-ter off by an estimated £1.6 billion because they could have bought cheaper beers at a wid-

er discount.

The DTI was unavailable for comment.

not get the float away. But hopefully, things will change." David Kent, who became The company is floating to

Golden Hope

Golden Hope Plantations Berhad
(INCORPORATED IN MALAYSIA)
(Company No. 29992-U)

Notice of Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-Second Annual General Meeting of

the Company will be held at Ballroom 1, Level 2, Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur, 165, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Wedoesday, 16th September, 1998, at 11.30 a.m., for the following purposes:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

- I. To receive and adopt the Report of the Directors, the Audited Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1998 and the Report of the Auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare a final dividend for the financial year eoded
- 3. To approve the Directors' fees for the financial year ended 30th June, 1998.
- 4. To re-elect the following Directors pursuant to Article 94 of the Company's Articles of Association:
 - Encik Mohammad bin Abdullah Dato' Abd. Wahab bin Maskan
- 5. To re-elect Tan Sri Dato' Seri Ahmad Sarji bin Abdul Hamid pursuant to Article 99 of the Company's Articles of Association as Director of the Company.
- 6. To re-appoint the following Directors pursuant to Section 129(6) of the Companies Act, 1965, as Director of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting:
 - Encik Howe Yoon Chong
 - ii Encik Washington SyCip
- 7. To re-appoint Messrs Ernst & Young as the Company's auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
- 8. To transact any other ordinary husiness of the Company of which due notice has been received.

CLOSURE OF BOOKS:

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from 23rd September, 1998 to 25th September, 1998 both days inclusive, to determine shareholders' entitlement to the dividend payment. Duly completed transfers received by the Company's Share Registrar, Signet & Co Sdn.

Bbd., 10th & 11th Floor, Tower Block, Kompleks Antarabangsa, Jalan Sultan Ismail, P.O. Box 12547, 50782 Kuata Lumpur up to 5.00 p.m. on 22nd September, 1998 will be registered before enultiement is determined. The dividend, if approved, will be paid on 20th October, 1998.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Malaysian Central Depository Sdn. Bhd. shall not be accepting any requests for deposit and/or withdrawal of shares commencing 12.30 p.m. on 18th September, 1998 until 12.29 p.m. on 22nd September, 1998.

A depositor shall qualify for entitlement only in respect of:

- (a) shares deposited into the depositor's securities account before 12.30 p.m. on 18th September, 1998;
- (b) shares not withdrawn from the depositor's securities account as at 12.29 p.m. oo 18th September, 1998; (c) shares transferred into the depositor's securities account before 12.30 p.m. on
- 22nd September, 1998 in respect of ordinary transfers;
- (d) shares transferred into the depositor's securities account at or before 3.00 p.m. oo 22nd September, 1998 in respect of express transfers; and

(e) shares bought on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange on a cum entitlement basis according to the Rules of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

By order of the Board

NORLIN BINTI ABDUL SAMAD (LS 000981)

Secretary

Kuala Lumpur 1st September, 1998

A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint one or more proxies but not exceeding two, to attend and vote in his stead. Where a member appoints two proxies, the appointment shall be invalid unless he specifies the proportion of his holdings to be represented by each proxy. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but must attend the meeting in person to vote. The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Company's registered office. 13th Floor, Menara PNB, No. 201-A, Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or at any adjournment thereof.

Firms get route on to Internet

BY PAUL DURMAN

PRIVATE shareholders are accustomed to being treated as second-class - receiving

second-class — receiving market-moving information long after institutional fund managers have traded on it.

The Accounting Standards Board recently suggested that the Internet could provide a partial solution to this problem and urged companies "to lem, and urged companies "to make further use of electronic means as a way of disseminat-

ing financial information, and in particular the preliminary announcement [of results], to a wider audience.

Now, Hemmington Scott, the financial publishing group, is offering to help companies that are unwilling to run a regularly updated Web site of their own. For companies willing to pay. Hemmington Scott's site (www.hemscott. com) will carry press releases. annual reports and other infor-

should be added within a day. Companies already using the service include Hanson, Uni-

lever and PowerGen. John Suckling, of Hemmington Scott, estimated the annual charge for a quoted company as being in "the low thousands". This compares with the £20,000 that he suggested is the average cost of maintaining a corporate Web site.

More important than cost is

the Web site, according to Proshare, the private investors' lobby group. Finola Healy, of Proshare said: "We encourage companies to update their sites as much as possible. But a lot of sites are updated only weekly or even monthly. It's the technical people who look after the sites, as opposed to

other people in the company." Hemmington Scott's site has an "Information Exchange" for investors to swap

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Clerical pay rises outstrip rate of inflation

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

CLERICAL workers' pay is rising at well above the rate of in-flation because of skill shortages, recruitment difficulties and the need to retain staff.

According to a new survey covering more than 1,000 employers, with more than a million staff between them, median earnings among clerical staff have risen by 5.3 per cent over the past 12 months.

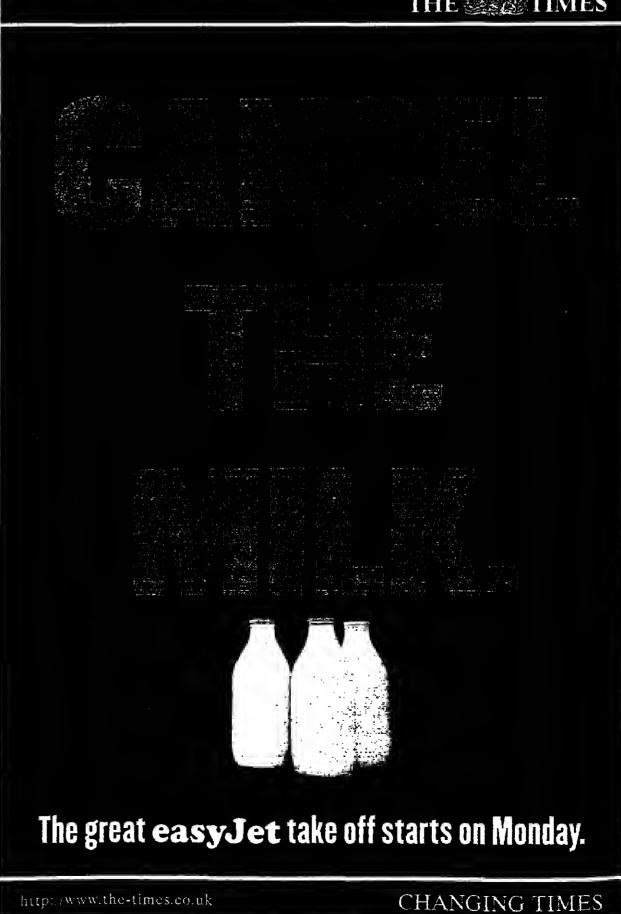
Although across-the-board settlements are averaging 3.6 per cent, a level seen as reasonable, earnings are rising more quickly than settlements as employers react to pressures including rises in employees' confidence and increased labour turnover. The figures are likely to disappoint ministers. who have called for wage restraint to limit inflation.

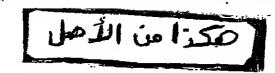
The results of the survey, by the Reward Group, show that few clerical employees are paid below the proposed minimum wage of £3.60 an hour. Minimum pay for 16- and 17--year-olds is to be £3 an hour. The Reward Group said that this indicated that the minimum wage is unlikely to have a substantial effect on most employers' pay practices. However, some jobs in low-pay industries will be affected.

Sleve Flather, managing director of the Reward Group, said: "The rises are the most substantial we have seen for some time. They mirror those seen in the average earnings index and are similar to the 5.5 per cent rise seen by Reward in management pay over the same period."

The survey also found that a greater number of employers were offering staff more than 25 days of annual holiday.

Mr Flather said: "Ten years ago, only 31 per cent of cierical workers and 36 per cent of operatives received 25 days' holiday a year. Nowadays, around 40 per cent of workers receive 25 days' holiday while those with fewer days are quickly catching up."





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hat a month to be away! Many a market trader will return from holiday to find a world transformed. A few — but Forecasters found refuge in only a very few — may congratulate themselves on having seen it all coming. Most will shake their heads wrong neck of the woods in bafflement and fear.

Moreover, these emotions extend well beyond the narrow confines of the dealing room. For the first time since the oil crises of the 1970s, you can imagine the world slipping into

Surely this fear will have affected even those august gentlemen gathered this weekend at the unpromisingly named Jackson Hole (in Wyoming) for the annual symposium of the world's top monetary officials. Let us hope that they have managed to stray from their appointed topic of "global income inequality" to address the rather more important issue of global income

Why did so few people see the global economic crisis coming? This question is particularly acute for financial markets, because looking forward is what they are supposed to

In fact, when it comes to the macro questions they find this difficult. The reason is the prevalence of pure uncertainty, the condition when the future is not known at all, to the point where we cannot even attach probabilities to the possible out-

hors the idea of pure uncertainty and seeks to obscure it with spurious estimates of probability ranges. Markets deal with it in the way that Keynes described so eloquently in the 1930s - they proceed as though the future were certain by developing, and trading on, a conventional view.

But every so often something happens to make it clear that this conventional view is so detached from reality that it is no longer credible. That is when the markets

the current crisis started in Thailand in July 1997, why has it taken so long for world financial markets to wake up to the dangers? There are several detailed answers.

First there was a touching belief that things were really as they appeared on the surface — from Japanese balance sheets to the issian embrace of free markets. forecast evidently cannot see further

than their noses. When assessing the dangers emerging from the Asian crisis it has been common for economists (and many businessmen)



my neck of the woods", thereby failing to see the processes in the pipeline that would affect their neck of the woods in due course. Rather than looking to the future, they have simply given a snapshot of the

present.

Allied to this, there has been a failure to see the crisis in its entirety. This continues even now. Some analysts have offered comfort in the idea that only I per cent of US exports goes to Russia. Not long ago it was only "x per cent" which went to Korea, Thailand and the rest. Yet there are several I per cents at stake. It is rather like a supermarket seems that much individually but, when added up, the total comes to a

Economists need to be very careful with their I per cents. A drop in GDP growth of 2 or 3 per cent is sufficient to take an economy from decent growth with stable unemployment to the brink of recession.

These detailed reasons all amount to the same general idea - the conventional view that the world economy would all be all right in the end. Caught in this mood, the markets are impervious to bad news. Okay, so there has been a coltapse ol Asian economies. No matter; the world can shrug it off,

Yet more dire news from Japan?" Well, that was only to be expected. Evidence of a slowdown in US corporate earnings? Take refuge in

the new paradigm. Finally, though, as the sheer scale of the Russian crisis has hit home in recent days, the complacency has crumbled. Not that the Russian economy is large enough on its own 10 cause serious problems - Russia's GDP is smaller than Switzerland's - but markets realise that this crisis extends beyond mere

economics. If Russia turns to an authoritarian leader and resorts to its timehonoured habit of blaming foreigners for all its ills, then not only will there be painful security consequences for both the US and Western Europe but the rejection of global capitalism may light a touchpaper in all those countries battered by the

What makes this situation all the more scary is the absence of clear leadership. While Russia is in chaos. the new Japanese Prime Minister is overwhelmed by problems without solutions. Chancellor Kohl is battling for survival and, across Europe, the whole political class is mesmerised by the euro. Meanwhile, the IMF is enfeebled by its lack of financial muscle and the widespread criticism of its role in the Asian and Russian crises.

Last week I argued that the strength of the US President had little to do with the success of the American economy over recent years, t should have added that his weakness at a time like this could have important implications - not only for the US but for the world.

A few years ago, responding to the collapse of communism and the apparent worldwide triumph of capitalism. Francis Fukuyama wrote a book entitled The End of History. The way things have looked recently, it seems as though the old girl may have quite a bit of life left in her yet.

Dow falls below 8,000

IN NEW YORK

THE Dow Jones industrial average yesterday fell below the 8,000 mark for the first

time since February. US blue chip shares opened up higher as traders suggested that last week's decline - the index's worst weekly fall since 1989 - had been too steep. But gloom soon sent the Dow down 150 points by midday. Technology stocks were hard hit as overseas sales are expected to suffer. Dell, the computer maker, and Intel. the chip manufacturer, were

among those marked down. Some traders said the market would fall yet further because technology stocks were overvalued.

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Much of our modern world abto say, "there's not much sign of it in Britain's bullying bosses exposed

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

GORDON RAMSAY, the celebrity chef and former Glas-gow Rangers footballer, is the unwitting star of a television documentary shown tonight that claims to uncover "Britain's Unbearable Bosses".

Mr Ramsay, 32, who left the fashionable West London restaurant Aubergine in July, is allegedly exposed as a difficult boss by a hidden camera. Coincidentally, tonight he opens his new Chelsea restaurant, called Gordon Ramsay. Granada Television has filmed him using foul lan-

guage in the presence of an undercover reporter who posed as a student working in the kitchens at the Aubergine restaurant. The documentary is the result of a collaboration be-

and the Trades Union Congress after the TUC received 5.000 calls to a telephone helpline for employees suffering from workplace bullying Mr Ramsay was not avail-

able for comment yesterday, but a member of his staff said: "He is very busy right-now and is concentrating on the kitchen. Nine bosses whom Granada and the TUC claim bully

gramme, which coincides with the launch of a national TUC campaign against bullying at Other allegedly unbearable.

members of their workforce

are featured on the pro-

bosses include a manager who wanted his tele-sales staff to wear dunces' hats if they did not reach sales targets and the head of a taxi firm who paid a couple, one of whom was blind, only 75p an hour each to operate his radio link. Derek Carstairs, of the Belfast-based Flagship Newspapers group, also makes an appearance on

the programme. John Monks, TUC Geoeral Secretary, said: "Lifting the lid on some of Britain's most exploitative bosses has been a long and difficult process. especially when so much of the worst workplace abuses go on behind closed doors and when

so many of those exploited are forced to work in a climate of "Trade unions and good

employers need to work together to expose exploitation at work. That is why the TUC is launching a national campaign against one of the main complaints to the bad bosses line -- workplace bullying." The TUC telephone hotline.

which ran in December 1997, will be open for another week from October 5 this year and callers will be able to order a leaflet on how to tackle workplace bullying. The television programme will be shown on ITV at 10.40pm this evening.



Chef Gordon Ramsay: said to get heated in the kitchen

UK profit league

By Marianne Curphey

THE most profitable town in Britain is Worthing, West Sussex, where businesses enjoy an average profit margin of almost 2t per cent. According to a survey by Experian, the credit-checking company, Warrington in Cheshire is second with just under 20 per cent while Dundee is third with 19 per cent.

Companies which have invested in Worthing include Daewoo Motor Company, Smithkline Beecham Pharmaceuticals and Griffin Credit Services. Almost half of the top 50 locations were in the South of England while only seven in the North and II in the Midlands made the list.

Experian said excellent frastructure, skilled workers and a solid manufacturing base supplemented by expansion into high-tech business services were important for profitability.

Scotland boasts Perth, Paisley and Edinburgh in the lop 20. Aberdeen, despite its prosperity as Europe's oil capital, only managed 50th place. The most profitable lo-cation in Wales was Swansea.

Experian analysed the total evel of profits in 285 towns and cities against the total sales of nearly 200,000 companies. Folkestone came last. behind Ramsgate and Sittingbourne, and Experian brands Kent the least profitable county in Britain.

Worthing Millennium bug top of costs banks film costs banks £1bn

By RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH banks are spending more than £1 billion to upgrade their information systems so that they do not fall prey to the millennium bug - the computer fault that threatens to shut down machines in the first seconds of 2000.

Barclays leads the pack with a budget of £250 million, followed by Lloyds TSB, NatWest and Standard Chartered, each of which expect to

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spend £t50 million updating their systems. HSBC Holdings, owner of Midland, has earmarked E113 million.

At the other end of the spectrum, Northern Rock has budgeted just £5 million, while Woolwich estimates year 2000 costs at just £25 million. Alliance & Leicester is setting aside £40 million.

Most of the money, according to figures declared in the banks' interim results, will be spent in the next 16 months. Only a third of their combined El billion budget had been spent by the end of June.

A survey by City Consul-tants, a financial advisory firm, indicates that about 90 per cent of securities houses have developed a programme to ensure that their internal and external systems will be work in the new millennium. Nearly 70 per cent of respondents said some of the current systems would not meet year 2000 requirements.

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City's streets lose their shine

Before he became Lord Mayor, Dick Whitting-ton thought the streets of the City of London were

Bang, back in 1986. All of them have been disiltusioned.

you will lose vast sums when the going gets tough.

That has certainly been the case for most securities houses in recent weeks; especially

Michael Clark on the problems

their own fields, with open-ended exposure to the peaks and troughs of bull and bear markets. They not only made money when the market went up, but also knew how to make a turn when prices fell.

It was the heyday of the old-fashioned jobbing system when brokers traded direct

facing foreign banks in London

ness far more transparent and inevitably more difficult. Last October, the London Stock Exchange introduced Sets, a new computer trading system for leading shares that matched buyer with seller. It has been accused by traders of strangling liquidity, the life blood of financial markets.

These days to survive in the City, securities houses must offer a complete range of services. But that means extra staff, increased back-up and state-of-the-art computer systems. It all adds up to rising costs. Brokers estimate that

the cost of starting trading each day for the likes of Merrill Lynch or Société Générale could be as much as E200,000 a time — that's before even the first share, or bond, changes hands. The recent helter-skelter in

share price movements around the world has only exacerbated the problems. As one leading market-maker commented: "Liquidity has dried up. August is normally a quiet month, anyway, but the growing prospect of a world recession has forced us to make prices in markets where there is no stock." Only last week Credit Suisse

First Boston was forced to deny claims that it had lost hundreds of millions of pounds on the emerging markets. There are also problems for the agency broker who has seen a sharp drop-off in turnover and, therefore, revenues, As one broker put it: " Private investors are keeping out of the way."

The integrated houses make their money by way of propri-etary trading - taking a view of the market and buying and selling large amounts of stock accordingly. This stock is then sold on, or bought back at a later date. But when someone misreads the market, the losses are inevitably huge.

Goldman Sachs was reported recently as claiming that more than 50 per cent of its profits came these days from proprietary trading. Evidence of a new round of

job losses looming in the Square Mile must pose ques-tions about the future of foreign securities houses in London. Many of them may have already wished they had ignored the same calling that drew Dick Whittington to the City in the first place.



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paved with gold. So too did the European. US and Japanese banks that came to the Square Mile after Big.

While it is possible to make big bucks from trading in Europe's biggest financial centre, it is more likely that

those with direct exposure to the main capital markets. Before Big Bang most trading firms were made up of partnerships, specialising in

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Market mayhem casts cloud Plight of the gentle giants over Euroland's rehearsals

Richard Miles looks at how

recent events will affect the single currency

▼ith the world's stock markets in turmoil. Europe's bankers could not have picked a worse weekend to prepare for the dress rehearsal of euro-conversion.

Although the UK has opted

out of the first wave of conversion, the arrival of the single currency will nevertheless herald huge changes for the counfinancial institutions. London, as a leading centre of foreign exchange, international bond and derivatives trading. has its work cut out to meet the December 31 deadline.

The City is the world's foremost centre for foreign exchange, accounting for 30 per cent of all transactions. The London Stock Exchange handles almost two thirds of the turnover in foreign equities, dwarfing New York and Nasdaq. And despite some recent losses. Liffe, the derivatives market, trades more contracts than its Frankfurt and Paris rivals out together. No one really expects the capital's pre-eminence to evaporate when the euro comes next year.

Because Britain is an "out" country, many of its financial institutions are treating the euro's birth as if it were any other currency. On a national level, Chaps, the UK wholesale settlement system, will be converted to handle payments in euros. The euro version of Chaps is important because it will give firms access to Target, which handles cross-border payments in Euroland.

In foreign exchange, 11 currencies will disappear overnight, to be replaced by the euro, and dealers will consolidate their European trading desks under a single euro banner. As much of the existing trade in London is denominated in US dollars and other non-European currencies, the overall impact on the City's foreign exchange desks is likely

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a big impact on retail finan-

cial markets only after 2002 —

always assuming the UK

participates.
Abbey National is among

the financial services com-panies preparing to launch

mortgages denominated in

the euro at the beginning of

next year. The euro mortgage

will not be for the average

customer. Initially it will be

aimed at those who are paid

The euro will begin to have



All change: London-based trade in international bonds and derivatives will be altered completely by the single currency

The repercussions for the bond market are far more profound. Bond dealers play on currency differences, buying the paper of whichever European government is offering the best yield. With the advent of the euro, that play will disappear. Interest rates, and so yields, are also expected to converge, essentially creating a single euro-bond market on a par with the US debt market. In this brave new world of

the euro-bond, the emphasis will be on credit quality, rather than currency differences. Many investment banks, including Barclays Capital and Credit Suisse First Boston. have spent the past couple of years building up their credit desks, recruiting widely in the US where the scale and sophistication of the debt market mean such skills are plentiful.

Banks believe the European bond market will develop rapidly along similar lines as both companies and investors develop a more sophisticated under-

be possible for other borrow-

lower interest rates available

on the Continent but any

borrower will face the risk

that sterling will devalue

against the euro, thus making

it more expensive to pay off

the mortgage. Eventually, if the UK does

join the single currency, then all mortgages in the EU will

be in euros, and there will be

slightly different mortgage

products. France, Belgium and Germany all offer fixed-

European countries all offer

one converged interest rate.

They will benefit from the

ers to take out euro-loans.

standing of the notion of creditworthiness - a lesson that those with Russian debt have learnt the hard way. Traders expect the debt market to become graduated with

varying types of bond created for different investment purposes. In particular, the nascent high-yield market formerly known as junk bonds - is forecast to grow swiftly. Over the next five to ten years

the European market will go some way to replicating the success of the US market. Barclays Capital said in a recent note. This reflects the fact that high yield satisfies the requirements of both issuers and borrowers. High yield provides corporate borrowers with a cheaper, more flexible source of funding.

Others are more sceptical. Gabriel Irwin, chairman of the fixed income division at the asset management arm of Prudential Assurance, senses little appetite for a more sophisticated debt market and reckons the

in euros, although it will also rate schemes where the rates could drop to about 50 per

are fixed for between ten and

15 years. In the UK rates are

fixed over a much shorter

period. The Abbey National

believes that eventually these

products will become avail-

fected by the euro, since they

are predominantly invested in

UK company shares. If the

UK chooses to adopt the

single currency, investment

managers may switch sub-

stantial sums from UK invest-

ments to European equities.

Some analysts believe that the

80 per cent of pension invest-

ments held in UK equities

Pensions could also be af-

able for UK borrowers.

pace of development will be slower. Bond investors will shift to other markets outside the euro zone, he predicts.

By contrast, the immediate

impact of the single currency on the equities market will be marginal, other than that the stocks of companies listed in the II "in" countries will be quoted in euros. Longer term, however, a single European stock market may emerge. The landmark agreement struck earlier this year by the London and Frankfurt exchanges to join forces certainly points to such a future, Of course, the euro could

turn out to be an unmitigated disaster. A recent survey of UK fund managers revealed that more than 80 per cent thought economic and monetary union would fall apart within the first five years. But this weekend, as stock markets across the globe continued to tumble, the European Commission was insisting that EMU was still on track

Financial services com-

panies are expected to offer

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in euros. NatWest and Royal

Bank of Scotland already

have euro bank accounts; Barclays claims to have opened 30,000 euro accounts.

Eventually, it will be pos-

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vices company in Europe.

Shops get to grips with new regime

People who have been in France this summer may have noticed that prices in Lederc, the French equivalent of Tesco, were quoted in both francs and euros.

It may look peculiar, and it is premature as euro notes and coins will not begin circulating anywhere until the beginning of 2002. But even in Britain, seeing shop prices in curos is going to get more common.

From the middle of 2002, after a period in which the euro will run alongside national currencies, the mark, lira, peseta and franc will be no more. Shopping in Düsseldorf, Milan, Madrid, Paris and even Dublin will be done in euros. If you have any you will be able to spend them in certain British shops, such as Marks & Spencer and Boots. that will accept them.

From 1999 it will be possible to pay for goods in curo-denominated personal and traveller's cheques and with euro-account credit and debit cards — if British retailers will accept them.

If Britain does decide to join the single currency, the impact on British consumers will be more dramatic. We will then have to get used to the disappearance of the pound. One important issue will be

the rounding up or down of prices. The Belgians are already wrestling with this prob-lem as they have discovered that 100 Belgian francs would be the less than consumerfriendly 2.32 euros.

Even if Britain never joins, the introduction of the euro is going to have far-reaching implications for retailers. The British Retail Consortium has estimated that it will cost the industry up to £3.5 billion. Retailers are going to have to deal with suppliers in euros. The chainstores with branches in Dublin will have to prepare for the change in currency, and back at home they will have to decide what to do about people who want to pay in the single currency they can use in the 11 euro-zone countries.

The shopkeepers' biggest headache is going to be deciding whether to accept euros when they are proffered. A few bigger players have developed tills that will accept multiple currencies, but smaller shopkeepers are more likely to get an old till out of the loft and have one for sterling and one for euros.

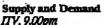
Marks & Spencer is particularly well-prepared because by 2002 it will have shops in ten of the II euro-zone countries. It has introduced a whole new till system, at a cost of £110 million, that will accept foreign currencies, including euros. It will accept euro notes and give change in local currency.

Boots is another company that is taking the euro serious-ly, and it will be accepted in some of its stores in airports. railway stations and in areas where it sees particular demand such as Central London. All of its tills are capable of taking euros and it is spending £40 million preparing for the euro, with much of the money going on staff training.

SARAH CUNNINGHAM

TELEVISION CHOICE

Venturing further than she usually gets on The Really Wild Show, Michaela Strachan travels to Borneo to draw attention, as effectively as a television celebrity can, to the plight of the orangutan. Seven thousand of the creatures, one-third of of the Indonesian population, have died in forest fires this year. Poachers have torn mothers away from their babies. Strachan visits a rescue centre which cares for more than 200 injured and orphaned babies, suffering from burns, starvation and the loss of limbs. She helps to nurse one orphan back to life. For the climax to the film she joins Dr Willie Smits, the conservationist at the forefront of saving the orang-utan, for a trek into the heart of the country. The aim of their mission of mercy is to rescue 20 baby orangs held illegally and in need of immediate medical attention.



Promoted from a pilot episode last year to a series, Lynda La Plante's latest offering is a crime series about an undercover team recruited from the police and security services. Helped along by a police and security services. Helped along by a noisy score, their first assignment is to check out one of their own colleagues, who was assigned to infiltrate a drugs snuggling operation but is suspected of doing a bit of dirty work on her own. In an unusual piece of casting the crack team is headed by Miriam Margolyes, playing a middle-aged lesbian in a dowdy cardigan. But on the early evidence this is a drama of action rather than character, with plot uppermost and little time to character, with plot uppermost and little time to draw breath. Larry Lamb (whose finest television hour was playing Ronnie Biggs) is Margolyes's number two and among other familiar faces are Stella Gonet and Martin Kemp.

Equinox: Resurrecting the Mammoth Channel 4, 9.00pm

It is many thousands of years since the mammoth became extinct but Professor Kaufumi Goto wants to bring it back. He plans to inject the sperm of a mammoth preserved in the ice of Siberia into the egg of a surviving near relative, the Asian elephant. The resultant hybrid would be injected

Michaela Strachan visits an orang-utan sanctuary in Indonesia (BBCl. 8pm)

with more mammoth sperm and so on until a more or less oure strain emerged. But first the professor has to find his frozen mammoth and the cameras follow his Japanese expedition to the edge of the Arctic Circle. But as only eight complete mammoth bodies have been discovered this century, and he has only four weeks before the ice and snow return, the odds are against him. While his search goes on the film ponders the mystery of why the mammoth disappeared and considers the morality of

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Nature Special: Living With El Nino BBC2, 9.30pm

Original Features: DIY Castle

Radio 4, 3.30pm

Julian Petitifer travels the world trying to make sense of a phenomenon that has been known about for thousands of years but seems only recently to have made the headlines. El Nino is seen as a random and malevolent force which can affect large numbers of people and wildlife, as it causes drought in some areas and flooding in others. But it is only a natural weather cycle and while there is no deriving the haves it can cause this has often no denying the havoc it can cause, this has often been made worse by human intervention. Besides. in some cases the effect can be benign. Pettifer's message is that El Nino is here and we must learn o live with it - like the farmers in Zimbab have phased out cattle and cultivated wild animals

A welcome change from the earnestness of certain

DIY programmes on television, this programme studiously avoids the cutting edge of tashion and instead has much more fun exploring the outer limits of home decorating, a place where taste, decency and fashion are cheerfully cast aside in favour of individual foible. You will guess from the birthday present John Mew received from his wife a buildown that Mayor avoids in the programme.

wife — a buildozer — that Mew's project involves no half measures. He is constructing a castle in Sussex, a project which has tested both Mew's

powers of persuasion and the planning department's powers of patience close to breaking point. Frank Wilson, the presenter, is plainly in awe of such dedication, as indeed am I. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

Tales from the Village Radio 4.9.30am

The first of five weekly programmes by Joel Kibazo that offer, to judge by the first two, some fascinating insights into the modern lives of villagers in Africa. Today Kibazo reports from a village in The Gambia, where women come to bathe in the local crocodile pool because they believe the waters can cure their infertility. The man whose family has looked after the pool for hundreds of years offers a reason for the water's power which is no more or less complex than that put forward for religion: "If you compare it with science it's very difficult to understand, it's a matter of belief." Nor is the belief in the pool's power confined to Africa: infertile women from Britain are among those who come to take the waters.

RADIO 1

6.90am Kevin Greening and Zoë Beil 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 8.00 Dave Peerce, Includes 5.45 Newsbeat 6.30 The Evening Session 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Many Anne Hobbs 12.00 The Breazeblock 2.00am Charlie Jordan 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2 6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Sereh Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00

Jimmy Young 2.00pen Ed Stewert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Cerl Devis Classics 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 Blackpool — The Resort Without Peer, Russ Abbot presents a celebration of the popular holiday town 10.00 Kennedy and the Victin 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Annie Othen RADIO 5 LIVE

is Journal fire Breadgast Hopgrantine supprising amorphism to the Michael Pulpoper Oldroyd and Co 4,00 Nationwide with Julian Worlicker 7,5th News Edira with David Michael 7,30 The Tuesdey Match. Jonathan Overend Introduces the evening's football coverage, plus commentary on day two of the US Open tennis tournament at Flushing Meadow 10,00 Late Night Live with Nick Flothison 1,000am Up All Night with Ethod Steps 5,00 Membro Benguist. Phod Sharp 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Bobby Hain 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.30 Mark Forest 7.30 James Mentit 10.00 Paul Coyte 1.00am Peter Poulton 4.30 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

7.00am Bill Overton and Kirsty Young 9.00 Scott Chisholm 11.00 Lonaine Kelly 1.00pm Anna Raebum 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Nick Abbot 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins and the Creatures of the Night 5.00 Bill Overton

7.00am News 7.15 Insight 7.30 Shedow Boxing On The Path To Nirvana 8.00 News 8.15 Of The Shelt: Arms Karenina 8.30 The Edge 9.00 News (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Musical of the Week 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Shortes from the Attention 10.30 Looking at Literature: Much Ado About Nothing 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsclesk 11.30 On Screen 12.00 Newsclesk 12.30pm Shedow Boxing On The Path To Nirvana 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Cutlook 3.30 Mutitrack Hit List 4.00 News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Westvay 4.30 The Greenfield Collection; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 Seeing Stars (648 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsclesk 7.30 One Planet 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Megamix 9.00 Newsthour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Distain Today 1.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Distain Today 1.00 News 10.00 Ne Aut Outdook a.25 Paise for Indugit a.30 Meganit 20 Meyen (10.15 Pritain Today 10.30 Meyidian Live 11.00 Newodesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Spons Roundup 12.00 News 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Meganit 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Farming World 1.45 Pritain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Discovery 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Meridian Live 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today 5.00 The World Today 5.00

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 8.00 Henry Keity. Includes the Hall of Fame Hour: favourite pieces voted for in the Classic FM Top 300 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Markham introduces listeners' favourite pieces of music 2.00pm Concerto. Handel (Organ Concerto No 13 in F. The Cuckoo and the Nightingale) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Music, travel, sport and business news. Plus. Continuous Classics and Afternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight Arts issues and news updates, with John Bruming 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven 9.00 Eversing Concert. Haydn (Symphony No 43 in Elist); Beethoven (Pano Concerto No 1 in C; Symphony No 1 in C) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

6.00am On Air. Presented by Petroc Trelawry.
Includes a review of last night's production in
London, where the D'Oyly Carte performed The
Mikado at the Festival Hall
9.00 Masstenworks, with Penny Gore. Includes
Shostakovich (Overture on Russian and Kirghoz
Folk Themes); Fauré (Barcarolles, in E flat, Op 70;
in D minor, Op 90; in D flat, Op 96)
10.30 Artist of the Week: Barbara Bonney
11.00 Sound Stories: Libertitists — Metastasio
12.00 Composers of the Week: Eisler and Weill
1.00pm The Radio & Lunchtime Concert: Double
Take. David Notite, piano, Richard Markham,
pano. Brahms (Variations on a Theme by Haydn,
version for two planos); Debussy (Cortege; Ar de

pano. Brahms (Variations on a Theme by Haydn, version for two pianos): Debussy (Cortege; Air de danse, L'entant prodigue, arranged for piano duet); Ravel (Rapsode espagnole, version for piano duet); Barnstein, air Nettle and Markham (Amenca; Tonight, West Side Story)

2.00 BBC Proms 98. Last Thursday's concert (r)

4.00 Choral Voices: Songe of Freedom. Paul Guinery presents music with a political agenda. BBC Singers under Stephen Cleobury. Includes Britten (Advance Democracy): Tippeti (Spintuals, A Child of Our Time); Veijo Tormis (Karatian Destiry); Plus music by Weber, Josquin Desprez

and Stravinsky
4.45 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson (r)
5.00 In Tune. Sean Rafferty talks to Jeremy Sams about the surrealism of Poulson
7.00 BBC Proms 98. Lorraine Hunt, mezzo, Los Angeles Philhermonic Orchestra under Esa Pekka Salonen, John Adams (Stormsky's Earbox, first London performance): Mahler (Leder eines Fahrenden Gesellen) 7.35 Ancient Landscape 7.55 Sibelius (Four Lemminkamen Legends) 9.10 Postscript: Role Play (2/5) (r)
9.35 Phantasan, includes Orlando Giobons (Four Fantasias a 3); Tobias Hume (A Mery Concel, The King of Denmarkes Delight, The Earle of Mortgomeries Delight, Captaine Humas Poelicali Montgomenies Delight, Captaine Humas Poeticali Musicke); Matthew Locke (Duos for two basse

viols)
10.30 Edinburgh International Festival 98. Orlando Consort with members of the Dunedin Consort Consort with members of the Dunedin Consort
The first of two late right concerts from Greyfrians.
Kirk with music celebrating the composers of
Notre Dame Cathedral
11.30 Jazz Notes. The second programme from the
Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festwal
12.00 Promis Composer of the Week; Sibelius (r)
1.00am Through the Night

6.00am Today, with Sue MacGregor and James
Nauchtle Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25
Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
9.00 On the Ropes. John Humphrys talks to Lord
Taylor of Warwick, the black barrister who was
selected as Conservetive parliamentary candidate
tor Cheltenham
9.30 Tales from the Village, See Choice
9.45 (FM) All Points North. Smoon Armitage reads
extracts from his new hook a senies of with

extracts from his new book, a series of witty reports on life in his home village of Marsden, Yorkshire (2/5)

9.45 (LW) Daily Service
10.00 Nows; Worman's Hour, with Martha Kearney
11.00 News; Calun Country. Peter McCarthy
investigates the history of the Academs — French

settlers from Canada who dispersed throughout the world and are now establishing their own

ne word and are now establishing their own cultural identity (f)

11.30 Sketches by Boz: The Tuggess at the Ramsgate. The first of five comic stories by Charles Dickens. With Nicholas Farrell as the voice of Boz. With Christopher Hancock, Frances Jester and Colleen Prendergast

12.00 (FM) News: You and Yours, with Liz Barclay and Mark Whitaker 12.57pm Weather

12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shapong Forecast

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.30 Points of Law. Huw Edwards cross-examines Mark Stephens and Eileen Pembridge and their

Mark Stephens and Eiden Peritoridge and their guests. From the Law Society

2.00 News; The Archens (f)

2.15 Afternoon Ptay: The Hydro. A four-part sertalisation of Ronald Frame's popular drama set in a luxury hotel in the Scotlish Highlands. With Eiza Langland, Crawford Logan and Una McLean

3.00 News; The Exchange. Call 0171-580 4444 Robin Lusting inwies your views on today's topical issue

3.30 Original Features: DIY Castle. See Choice

3.45 On the Fringe. Tom Smith reads The Valhalia Despatch by Bhan Hennigan 4.00 News, A Good Read. Thomas Suicitie talks to the artistic director Neil Bartleti and the broadcaster Martin Bashir about their favourite

4.30 Shop Talls, with Heather Payton and guests 5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and John Sopel 5.54 (LW) Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather

Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 Sb: O'Clock News 5.30 The Nealas. More music and comedy with Sue Collins, Anne Gidea. Karen Egan and Paul Tylak
7.00 News; The Archers 7.15 Front Row. Francine Stock chairs the nightly arts programme
7.45 Dear Jayne Browne (2/5) (r)
8.00 News; Freeks, Lies and Celtuloid. Alex Cov. looks at the portrayal of disabled people in leature firms

8.40 in Touch. Presented by Peter White 9.00 News; Patient Progress: Prisoners of Pleasure. In the first of four programmes, Suc

Pleasure. In the third of four programmes, Sure Armstrong discovers why some people become addicted to drugs while others do not 9.30 On the Ropes in 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: First Love. Nan Turgerev's classic story, read by Nigel Anthony (2/5) (1) 11.00 Late Night on 4: Goodness Gracious Me. Last in the series of the award-wirning Asian shelich show With Sangere Bhaskar, Kukinder Ghr. Meera Syal and Nina Wadta (r) 11.30 Talliding Pletures (f)

Metamorphoses (f)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service
5.30 World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today, with Charlotte Smith

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First six months 1998

Finance firms begin switch to euro

Sharp profit iocrease for the first six mooths 1998: +74% to U.S.\$1.9 billioo.

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.c. Net profit increased sharply by 74% to U.S.\$1.9 billion. Acquisitions as well as profits from the partial sale of the interest in Libertel (mobile telephone network) and the sale of the participation in Krediethank (Belgium) contributed substantially to this increase.

Excellent net profit contributions from the recently acquired operations Bank Brussels Lambert (BBL) (U.S.\$262 million), Equitable of Iowa (U.S.\$44 million) and Furman Selz (U.S.\$19 million). Good profit contribution from the worldwide insurance operations as well as the domestic banking operations: substantially lower profit contribution from corporate and investment banking in emerging markets.

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until now for the euro/millennium for a total amount of approximately U.S.\$196 million will be sufficient.

Assets under management increased by 42.1% to U.S.\$235 billion. The Executive Board maintains its previously expressed profit forecast for the whole of 1998 that profit per share will show an increase of 30 to 35% on the condition that the financial crisis in Asia and other parts of the world does not become more serious than can now be foreseen.

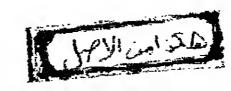


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11.30 Talking Pictures (f)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Tales From
Ovid. Ted Hughes, the Poet Laureate, reads from
his award-winning re-working of Ovid's



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Hale and Pace trying? No change there, then

ull marks to Gareth Hale and Norman Pace for the dogged way they keep developing new formats that might make something of their comic talent, when lazier comedians might long ago have plumped for the easier option of developing some comic talent which they could then use in the very same formats that other comedians seem to exploit so successfully. Just as logicians have always known that the easiest way to paint a perfect painting is to make yourself perfect, and then just to paint naturally. Hale and Pace might struggle less in life if they became funnier and then just acted naturally. If the BBC believes that the way forward is "stealing" acts such as Hale and Pace, and now Vanessa Feltz, from ITV, while burying far classier shows such as Seinfeld and The Larry Sanders Show in midnight slots (when it can be bothered to broadcast them at all),

than its critics suggest.

So was it serendipity or was it a mischievous BBC1 scheduler who sioned Oddbods, Hale and Pace's first comedy show since joining the BBC ("M'lud, I'm using the word 'comedy' in its broadest sense"). 5lap bang after yet another repeat of Wallace and Gromit in Nick Park's glorious A Grand Day Out? How must Hale and Pace have felt, seeing themselves outacted by Plasticine? in Oddbods, Hale and Pace play

two wacky inventors - Nobby and Ginge - who live in a twee cottage in a picturesque English village. The novelry is that Nobby and Ginge don't speak, which normally would have been something of a bonus. But it is a difficult trick to pull off. Silent comedy has a long and venerable lineage, from Buster Keaton to Mr Bean, but Hale and Pace aren't about to join it. They certainly deserve an "A" for

then it could be in deeper trouble effort, but also an "F" for "Feel free never to make another one".

> aybe they thought that not having to tearn any words would make the acting easier, just as some people mistakenly believe that it's easier to write a short poem than a long novel, or that Matisse's line drawings would be a doddle (or even a doodle) for many first-year art students. In fact, Matisse often painted detailed colour portraits of his models before distilling the contour of their bodies into a single, sinuous stroke.

Oddbods had about as much plot as a good Martini has vermouth. The most enthralling part of it was working out how they persuaded the studio audience to laugh so regularly. We have all had our fill of fly-on-thewall documentaries, but it would be instructive if somebody could make just one more - about the

REVIEW

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studio audiences who so obligingly provide the laughter track for shows such as Oddbods. Also, maybe Mysteries with Corol Vorderman could investigate how this duo became so successful.
Unfortunately, Carry On Dark-

ly, Channel 4's fart attempt to cut some of the sweetness of its Carry On Weekend, served only to pile on the grief for Hale and Pace. It reminded us how much talent men

liams, Charles Hawtrey and Frankie Howerd had, in spite of their being hopeless, heartbroken or sometimes horrid human beings. Sid James, perhaps the most obviously loveable of the lot, was in many ways the worst in private: a heavy drinker, gambler and womaniser, he was also a womanbeater. Howerd, Williams and Hawtrey each coped with their homosexuality in different, not always satisfying, ways. Williams was probably the best actor of the four, but their preposterousness

never hurt their careers. As Stephen Fry told us: "They ought not to be funny, but they are. They just are. They re just delightfully charming. One day. God willing, we might be able to say the same about Nobby and Ginge but it's not the sort of bet on which even a reckless gambler such as Sid James would risk money. Later, on BBCI. The Mrs Brad-

ley Mysteries proved that we will watch almost anything if there is somebody talented involved. In this case the talent was Diana Rigg. playing the eponymous armchair detective. It also gave you an inkling of why so many directors get the itch to transpose operas to modern settings: to inject a little more zip.

There is something wearying about costume drama set in the 1920s. Shakespeare's England has a certain mood to it: Dickens's Victorian London has its own tang; but the 1920s so often comes across as just a frumpier version of modern times: the 1990s played at too slow a speed. fi's the no man's land of period drama, though actors such as Rigg and John Alderton can seduce you into staying tuned through the most far-fetched plot if it hadn't been Rigg herself telling me whodunnit, and why, I'd have just gawped

CHANNEL 4

incredulously at the ending. Gladys Mitchell, the author of the Mrs Bradley Mysteries, was apparently as famous as Agatha Christie. In her day. But then dusk fell and her day ended. No more was heard of her until the BBC decided to revive this 1920s country house detective murder mystery in a co-production with America. Mrs Bradley, Mitchell's lippy, psychoanalytical detective, must have seemed very go-ahead and racy in her time, being a cocktail of one part Sherlock Holmes, one part Hercule Poirot and one part Sigmund Freud (never shaken, rarely stirred). There's no obvious reason why the BBC dug up the remains of this forgotten writer. Usually - not always - writers are forgonen for a good reason. It's true that Philip Larkin was a fan of Mitchell. But if we followed all Larkin's more obscure fancies,

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PLES

6.00am Business Breaklast (47772) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (41246) 9.00 Sex Wars Are men innately romantic?

BBC1

9.40 Breakers Alex's return to Sydney leaves Lucy in a state of panic (7916130) 10.05 Top Tip Challenge With guests Leslie Grantham, Simon Gregson, Uz Fraser and Kevin Day (9980159) 10.30 Daily Live (T) (4577913)

· · · · - · 10.55 News (T) (1128449) 11.00 Style Challenge Two sporty teenage girls (1138826) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1131913)

11.55 News (T) (7234913) 12.00 Through the Keyhole Loyd Grossman tours two celebrity homes (T) (7150536) 12.25pm Wipeout (7162371) 12.50 The Weather Show (T) (17628468)

1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (44333) 1.30 Regional News (41283468) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (97422284) 2.05 Breakers (29206371) 2.25 Oulney (r) (7905739). 3.15 The Weather Show (r) (2884468)

3.25 Orville and Cuddles (1) (5964371) 3.30
Playdays (1) (7066710) 3.50 The Busy
World of Richard Scarry (7077826) 4.15
Gadget Boy (1) (6502826) 4.35 Round the
Twist (3649607) 5.00 Newsround (T) (8850159)

5.10 Byker Grove (r) (T) (6193159) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (776555) 5.00 Stx O'Clock News (T) (81) 6.30 Regional News (33) 7.00 Hollday Heaven Former Coronation

Street star Julie Goodyear returns to Palma and EastEnder Martine 'McCutcheon heads for Rome(T) (3555) 7.30 EastEnders An emotional encounter with Peggy makes Frank resolve to stay put in
Albert Square (1) (17)

Michaela Strachan visits the indonesian Island of Bomeo, where an estimated one-third of the orang-utan population has been killed as a result of 8.50 Ten Minute Match Alan Hansen takes a brief look back at the 1977 clash between Manchester. United and Liverpool

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (I) (5994) 9.30 Maisie Raine Maisie prevents a girl from throwing hersell off a tower-block roof, then finds herself agreeing to reopen a six-year-old murder case (1) (884884) 10.20 Kings of the Jungle Matt Frei reports on

the far-reaching implications of Bomeo's forest (Ires (T) (786352) 11.10 Chicago Hope A man has his pregnant, cornatose wifa transferred to the hospital, determined to keep her on life support for the sake of their unborn child (619536) 11.55 Roommates (1993) With Randy Quald and Eric Stottz, Orama about two men with Aids. Directed by Alan Metzger (T)

1.25am Weather (5354600) 1.30 BBC News 24

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BBC2 6.10am Chardin and the Still Life (9463994)

6.35 Jasper Johns' Flag (5622791)

7.00 Spider (r) (4080265) 7.05 Telefubbres (r) (1861517) 7.30 Charlie Chalk (r) (2780265) 7.45 Smurls' Adventures (r) (4120826) 8.10 Get Your Own Back (r) (T) (4349449) 8.35 X-Men (r) (T) (6540975) 9.05 Sweet Valley High (2382739)

9.35 Ocean Odyssey (r) (7924159) 10.00 The Biskitts (r) (9972130) 10.25 The Brollys (r) (9686081) 10.40 Telekribbies (4554062) 11.10 Toonstics (7820420) 11.45 Hawkeye (r) (T) (7532159)

12.30 pm Working Lunch (85517) 1.00 The Beechgrove Garden (42975) 1.30 People's Century (r) (T) (5216536)

2.25 Phil Silvers (r) Billio wangles his way onto a recruitment drive with Colonel Hall (98019212) 2.50 News (T) (9937246) 2.55 Wildlife on Two (r) (T) (4063710) 3.25 News (T) (5962913) 3.30 Glynn Christian Tastes Royal Thailand (r) (1043130) 3.55 Consuming Passions (r) (6098420)

4.00 Real Rooms (r) (6015197) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (6018284) 4.55 Esther (r) (8172888) 5.30 Call My Bluff (r) (10) 6.00 The Spice Girls: After Gerl — An O Zone Special Jamie Theekston Interviews the girls in Detroit (429536) 6.15 Heartbreak High Kurt and Serah act out

a romantic scene together (T) (995710) 7.00 BBC Proms '98 Esa-Pekka Salonen directs the Los Angeles Philharmonic five from the Albert Hall. The evening's programme features the London premiere of American composer John Adams's Stonimsky's Earbox (63468) NB-Subsequent programmes are subject to change

9.00 Have I Got Old News for You Satincal quiz, (r) (1) (3536)



Julian Pettiler examines the effect of El Niño on wildlife (9.30pm)

Nature Special: Living with El Niño Insight into the climatic changes caused by the weather cycle which sparked disasters such as the Indonesian torest fires and con-eaquently led to the destruction of Peruvian coral reals—and the destruction of Josei marine life (584866) 10.20 10x10 (224739) 10.30 Newsnight (1) (206826) 11.15 Edinburgh Nights Phill Jupitus chals to hosts Mark Lamarr and Peter Curran

12.00 Grace Under Fire Russell ousts his father from the pharmacy for taking the principle of Christmas goodwill too lar, while Quentin's laid-back attitude is due

to illegal substances(8359685) 12.25am Weather (4833376) Learning Zone: Vibrations (33579) 1.00 The Copulation Explosion (55840) 1.30 Given Enough Rope (T) (80260) 2.00 The Greats (43173) 4.00 Discovering Portuguese (16821) 5.00 Career Moves (7135840) 5.45 Paris and the New Mathematics (21519)

6.00em GMTV (1326913) 9.25 Vanessa (T) (6953642) 10.15 This Morning (T) (84546333) 12.15pm Regional News (2623246) 12.30 News (T) and weather (76541) 1.00 Shortland Street (39401)

1.30 Home and Away Aaron leaves the band (T) (26082) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous American chat show (3592178)

2.45 Dale's Supermarket Sweep New series (1) (983807) 3.15 News (T) (5960555) 3.20 Regional News (5967468)

3.25 Wizadora (5940791) 3.35 The Singing Kettle News (1) (4382604) 3.45 Wolves, Witches and Giantis (1) (4302468) 4.00 Zzzap((6509739) 4.20 Jurnanji (1) (6585159) 4.45 Out of Sight (1) (3630159)

5.10 WALES: People and Pets (9835401) 5.10 What'a My Line? (9835401) 5.40 News (T) and weather (659449) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (859438) 5.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (240772) 6.25 HTV Weather (693284) 6.30 The West Tonight (71)

7.00 Emmerdale Paddy asks for Marton's advice on his dilemma (T) (8623) 7.30 WALES: Somewhere in Wales: St Fagan's at 50 (3) 7.30 All Gardens Great and Small (3) 8.00 The Bill: Team Spirit The Sun Hill team

is affected when Fox makes an official



Mirlam Margolyes stars as head of an undercover crimefighting unit (9pm)

9.00 Supply and Demand: Raw Recruit Five new recruits are assigned to the unit (T) (6975)

assigned to the unit (1) (6975)
10.00 News at Ten (1) and weather (54159)
10.30 Regional News and weather (303888)
10.40 Britain's Unbearable Bosses An exploration into the many incarnations of the boss from Helt (1) (232212)
11.40 WALES: Artyfax (197449)
11.40 Anatomy of Disaster (830343)
12.10 am WALES: Tales from the Crypt (8332918) (8332918) 12.40 am Footbell Extra (2954550)

1.40 Best of British Motor Sport with Geof Clark (6517111) 2.10 Serena (1962) With Patrick Holt, Emrys Jones and Honor Blackman. A police inspector arrives to solve the mystery of an artist's model found dead in a country cottage. Directed by Peter Maxwe

3.15 Cybernet (38192) 3.45 Football Extra (5347821) 4.35 Soundtrax (51112734) 5.00 ITV Nightscreen (17192) 5.30 News (50734)

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1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (7597642) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9835401) 6.25 Central News (904587) 6.55-7.00 Lifeline (902474)

7.30-8.00 Love, flows and Videotape (3) 11.40 Renegade (830343) 2.05am FILM: Shamus (381666) 3.40 Central Jobfinder 98 (928376)

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5.20 Asian Eye (9657444)

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1.40 Gentleman Jim (1942, b/w) Errol Flynn slars as the famed 19th-century bover James J. Corbett, With Alexis Smith, Jack Carson, Alan Hale and John Loder (T)

3.30 Watercolour Challenge (T) (392703) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (r) (T) (2) 4.30 Countdown (T) (3633246) 4.55 Ricki Lake: Fashion Disasters (1) (T)

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(o terms with their tragic loss (1) (1) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) and weather

7.55 Spottights (T) (100389) 8.00 in Your Dreams Sue Heppensall's recurring nightmares often leave her crying for most of the following day; and Kenny and Reta MacDonald have travelled to India 15 times in search of

their daughter, all on the strength of people's dreams (T) (5913) 8.30 Brookside (T) (4420)



The skeleton of a creature that has been extinct for centuries (9pm)

9.00 Equinox Resurrecting the Mammoth Professor Kazufumi Golo aims to bring the mammoth, extinct for thousands of years, back to life (4517)

10.00 Porky's (1982) Updated American version of our own Carry On films, with teenagers going wild for sex. Directed and written by Bob Clark (629401)

11,55 The Real World (r) (184975) 12.25am Homicide: Life on the Street An offhand comment during an Interrogation leads to a 10-year-old murder (6703014) 1.25 Trauma A fly-on-the-wall look at a real

emergency room (r) (4773192) 2.25 They Mada Me a Fugitive (1947) Down on his luck, lormer RAF pilot Trevor Howard is drawn into black marketeering. Directed by Alberto Cavalcanti (483463) 4.15 Doombeach (1989) Environmental thiller in which a boy and his friends mount their own crusade against suspected pollution (6120840)

5.35 Place and People A look at the conflict between indigenous peopla and sattlers in the Brazilian raintorest (r) (T) (5683111)

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6.00am 5 News and Sport (6902994)

7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (1992468) 7.30 Mill.shake! [5965284] 7.35 Dappledown Farm [r] [1032555] 8.00 Havakazoo (9147772) 8.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (917371) 9.00 Okavango (5979642) 9.25 Legend of the Hidden City (3400807) 10.20 Sunset Beach (T) (4918739) 11,10 Leeza (7938951)

11.55 Russell Grant'a Postcards (66920826) 12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (8157159) 12.30pm Family Alfairs In (T) (2459333) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautilu! (1) (1991739) 1,30 Sons and Daughters (2458604) 2,00 100 Per Cent Gold (6326343) 2,30 Open House with Glona Hunniford (3637178)

3.30 The Great Jewel Robber (1950, b&w)
Drama with David Brian, Marjone
Reynolds and John Archer. Real-life society thiel Gerard Dennis's one-man crimewave across the United States is hatted by a betrayed girlfriend. Directed by Peier Godfrey (2423081)

5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Things We Do in Secret (9407284) 6.00 100 Per Cent (4521265)

6.30 Family Attairs Roy and Pele call a truce (T) (4512517) 7.00 5 News (T) (8221979)

7.30 Where the Bison Roam The North American mocse (1) (4501401) 8.00 What Went Wrong? Technological

disasters (2926587) 8.30 This Wonderful Life Chris Evans (r) (T) (7776884)

9.00 Number One Pan (1995) Thriller with Chad McQueen, Calherine Mary Slewart ■ and Renee Griffin. A him star dates a lan but linds that she becomes obsessive and starts to stalk him. Directed by Jane Simpson (25795333)



The effervescent Melinda Messenger stands in for Jack Docherty (10.40pm)

10.40 Not the Jack Docherty Show Melinda senger stands in (7017994)

11.20 La Femme Nikita Operations and Madeline order Nikita to evaluale a new should become an operative (r) 12.15am Liva and Dangerous Sports

magazine (48868666) 3.45 The Asian Football Show (5643869) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H Cult Australian 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (4584173)

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8.00mm Tattooed Yeanage Allon Fightens from Beverly Hills (94897) 9.30 Street Starks (44436) 9.00 Gerheld and Friends (88130) 9.30 The Simpsons (23791) 10.00 Genes World (2748197) 10.16 Genes World (2721420) 10.30 Just Kidding (17842) 11.00 The Superman (67449) 12.00 Married with Chidren (44474) 12.30pcm M*A*S*14 (7248604) 12.55 The Soepal N Collection (61828739) 1.06 12.30per M*A*S*H (7246604) 12.55. The Special N. Collection (61828739) 1.00 Geraldo (5264062) 1.55 Special K Collection (61808749) 2.00 Sally Jessy Rephasion (61808749) 2.00 Sally Jessy Rephasion (626629) 2.55 Special K Collection (9365199) 3.00 Jenny Jones (4956333) 3.55 Special K Collection (1147448) 4.00 Oprab (20130) 5.00 Ster Treic Deep Special Nine (7249) 6.00 The Simpsons (7401) 6.30 Deem Team (1081) 7.00 The Simpsons (9975) 7.30 The Simpsons (7265) 8.00 3rd Rock From The Sun (7623) 8.30 3rd Rock From The Sun (7623) 8.30 3rd Rock From The Sun (6130) 9.00 Killers in the Plack From The Sun (7623) 8.30 3rd Flock From The Sun (6130) 0.00 Killers in the Water (76807) 10.00 When Arimels Attack US (76804) 11.00 Dream Team (36159) 11.30 Star Trek: Deep Space Mine (81197) 12.30em Nowhere Man (40005) 1.30 Long Place (8182046) Play (5083260)

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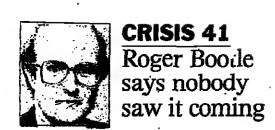
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Wall Street shares drop to lowest point of the year

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

WALL STREET suffered another nervous day's trading yesterday, with the third consecutive 100-point decline taking the Dow iones industrial average below its level at the start of the year.

Shares fell 150 points in afternoon trading to below the opening mark of 7,900 at the beginning of the year. Last Thursday the Dow had opened above 8,500.

The inability of the world's most important market to shrug off the Russian wor-

ries looks set to cause further falls when the market opens in London this morning. Meanwhile, in Europe, Yves Thibault, the European Monetary Affairs Commissioner called for European finance ministers to meet to discuss the Russian economic problems. Britain said it was considering calling a meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations, but it wanted first to see a new government formed in Moscow. "The

possibility of a meeting of some form of G7

leaders is being actively considered," said a

spokesman for Tony Blair.

Other US indices were hit even harder than the Dow, which fell 1.5 per cent. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 2.5 per cent and the Nasdaq composite index lost 5 per cent.

Technology stocks, mostly listed on the Nasdaq market, were among the worst performers. Companies such as Dell, the computer manufacturer, had risen faster than the market throughout the year and

now bear the brunt of market insecurity. Donald Selkin, chief market strategist at Joseph Gunnar & Co, said: "The market is trying to adjust to the fact that earnings growth is not going to be robust."

Market watchers are receiving conflicting signals from investors and have mostly opted for a wait-and-see position. One economist said: "So far, this is no more than a correction."

Economists have kept a close watch on the number of initial public offerings planned for the next few weeks. Flotations are seen as a crucial indicator of market confidence. A number of high-profile public offerings have been shelved in recent weeks and some market watchers said the

number of flotations has hit a decade-low. But Wall Street is still looking forward to possibly the biggest flotation in its history. the offering of a 15 per cent stake in Gold-man Sachs, one of the world's most profitable banks.

Earlier, Japanese shares had enjoyed a better day with the the Nikkei closing 1.4 per cent higher at 14,108.

Other Asian markets fared less well. with the Hang Seng index in Hong Kong falling 7 per cent as the Government abandoned an attempt to support local share

prices. The small Taiwan market fell 2.8 per cent to a 22-month low, but South Korean stocks firmed by 2 per cent. Thailand, the first of the Asian economies to hit prob-

lems last year, fell nearly 2 per cent.
The US dollar regained some ground against the mark in Europe after dropping to a nine-month low overnight. Analysts suggested that the problems in Europe could prompt a cut in US interest rates to reduce the risks of a global recession.

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Shell close to link-up deal with Texaco

By CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

SHELL is close to agreeing a merger of its European refining and marketing operations with Texaco.

The deal is likely to lead to significant job losses around Europe and the UK, as the companies rationalise their service stadon networks and other businesses.

The announcement of a deal, which may come this week, will coincide with a dramade deterioration in the profits of Europe's leading refiners which are suffering from a glw of gasoline and heating oil on world markets.

The Anglo-Dutch group has been in talks with Texaco, the US oil company in an attempt to replicate the two groups downstream joint venture in the US. Shell is determined to secure a leading position in oil products in Europe where it is under attack from the Mobil/ EP ioint venture.

However, market-watchers believe Shell and Texaco are struggling to overcome regulatory hurdles. According to Wood Mackenzie, the oil consultants, a Shell/Texaco merg-er would lead to market dominance in The Netherlands where the group would have a share of more than 40 per cent. It would also run in to problems in treland and in Scandinavia where Texaco already has a joint venture with Norsk Hydro.

The merger push coincides with a meltdown in profit margins at Europe's refineries. On Friday Texaco and Shell gave warning of cutbacks in refinery runs as the margin on a barrel of crude turned into a

BP said that it had cut back its run by 15 per cent at Nerefco refinery in Rotterdam, a joint venture with Texaco. BP is also believed to have cut back runs at Lavera in the South of France, while Shell said it was seriously considering cutbacks in its 1.5 million barrel per day European refin-

ing capacity.
The slowdown is raising alarm bells in the industry. coming at the peak of the summer driving season when gasoline consumption is high and at a time when buyers are stocking heating oil for the autumn and winter.

While refining margins cononue to crumble, big oil has been trying to build up retailprofits. According to OPAL, which monitors petrol prices, the gross retail margin on a litre of unleaded petrol rose by a third from a low point of less than four pence last summer.

A merger with Texaco should give Shell leadership in the UK but retail margins have been slipping back again and the company will be hoping that Esso's huge losses from Pricewatch will dissuade it from another campaign to grab market share.

Texaco's interest in Nerefco and its refinery at Pembroke in Wales will be key to the Shell merger talks. The Pembroke facility is top class but exports a large part of its production to the once-hungry US

Shell is already shutting down a refinery at Shellhaven but retains a large plant at Stanlow in Cheshire and also owns a refinery in The Nether-lands. BP's co-operation will be necessary in any decision over the future of the BP-Texaco refinery in Holland.

The two companies already enjoy dose relations. Only last week, Shell UK bought Texaco's gas marketing business in a deal that made Shell Gas Direct one of the top five companies in the UK gas market.

The acquisition trebled the size of Shell Gas Direct's customer base. Shell said it was taking advantage of the decision by rival companies to withdraw from gas market-



An animal rights protester is removed by police during a demonstration at Huntingdon Life Sciences at the weekend

Protest at Huntingdon rescue

BY PAUL DURMAN

ers clashed with police at the weekend during a demonstration outside the main research centre of Huntingdon Life Sciences, which will tomorrow seek shareholder approval for

a £20.2 million rescue. A group called Coalition to Ruin Huntingdon Life Scienc-

ANIMAL RIGHTS protest- es is boping to scupper the rescue, and has sent videos to 150 of the animal testing compamy's largest shareholders. The video includes the controversial footage of Huntingdon staff shaking and hitting beagles that last year brought the company a severe warning from the Home Office and

lost it the custom of several pharmaceutical companies. The protesters claim the support of Barclays Bank's investment arm. Some have become Huntingdon shareholders, and are to attend tomorrow's

special meeting in London. Huntingdon has said that it is likely to become insolvent

unless it can raise new funds. Existing shareholders have conditionally agreed to put in new money will come from a group of American investors led by Andrew Baker, who previously ran the clinical laboratories arm of Corning of

Hang Seng's fall to continue

BY FRASER NELSON

HONG KONG shares are expected to continue to fall heavily this week after the Govern-ment called a halt to its £7 hil-lion campaign to protect vul-nerable stocks against hedge funds betting on a stock market downturn.

The Hang Seng index dropped by 7.1 per cent to 7.275 yesterday, responding to the Government's change of tack against the speculators. At the weekend, the Government said it would introduce new rules to make it more difficult to take substantial short posi-

tions on shares and currency.
This is the latest round in the long-running battle to defend Hong Kong's currency peg to the US dollar.

Dealers believe that the Government has relaxed after winning its August battle with speculators. It spent £7 billion on deals that lifted the Hang Seng by 17 per cent in the past fortnight, which would have punished hedge funds with expension to August about a 1870. posure to August short-selling options that expired on Friday.

But this is believed to have used up 12 per cent of its foreign reserves - making it al-most impossible to repeat the tactics on hedge funds hoping for a September downturn.

Joseph Yam, chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, said his organisation has spent more than it had bargained for and may well change tactics. He said: "We have contin-

gency plans up our sleeves. These people are manipulating markets, causing artificial conditions and profits."

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Air unions fight **BA slot sell-off**

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

workers will today start a campaign to stop British Airways being allowed to sell hundreds

of landing and take-off slots. Six unions are protesting at proposals, which have led to disagreement within the Cabinet, to allow the airline to sell its slots at Heathrow and Gatwick airports for £500 million. The airline workers, includ-

ing pilots, cabin crew and ground staff, claim that air fares will be forced up if BA is allowed to sell the 267 weekly slots that it has been ordered to dispose of by the European Commission. BA has been told by Karel

Van Miert, the European Competion Commissioner, that giving up the slots is a condition of approval of its planned linkup with American Airlines. Airline staff are angry over proposals, backed by the Of-

MORE than 80,000 airline fice of Fair Trading, that BA should keep proceeds of selling the slots to other airlines. The unions say that allow-

ing a sale, rather than having slots shared out by the Civil Aviation Authority, will lead to airport charges rising, forc-ing fares up by 10 per cent. They also claim that selling the slots will favour large airlines with bigger aircraft, squeezing out small carriers and ensuring that Heathrow is dominated by the bigger companies. The unions say that a sale will set a precedent encouraging slot-trading at in-creasingly congested airports. John Prescott, the Deputy

Prime Minister, has argued that the slots are not BA's to sell. However, Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, is to rule on the issue, and is expected to say, like the OFT, that they can be sold.

Brierley's chairman forced out

BY PAUL DURMAN

THE uncertainty surrounding Thistle Hotels increased yesterday when the chairman of its largest shareholder bowed to pressure to resign. Sir Roger Douglas, chair-nian of Brierley Investments,

took the decision to step down after the New Zealand company's largest shareholder sought his removal from the board last week. Brierley holds 46 per cent of Thistle.

An attempt to sell Thistle recently collapsed after Nomura International, the Japanese-

owned investment bank, sought to reduce its £1.7 billion

As The Times reported on Saturday, Robert Peel, who was forced out as Thistle's chief executive last year, is now seeking to mount a £70 million bid for 31 of the compa-

Brokers dress up as the markets tumble down

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

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Nearly two-thirds of bankers

have a waistband measurement of under 36 inches according to Norton & Townsend, the tailor.

Merchant bankers are stick-

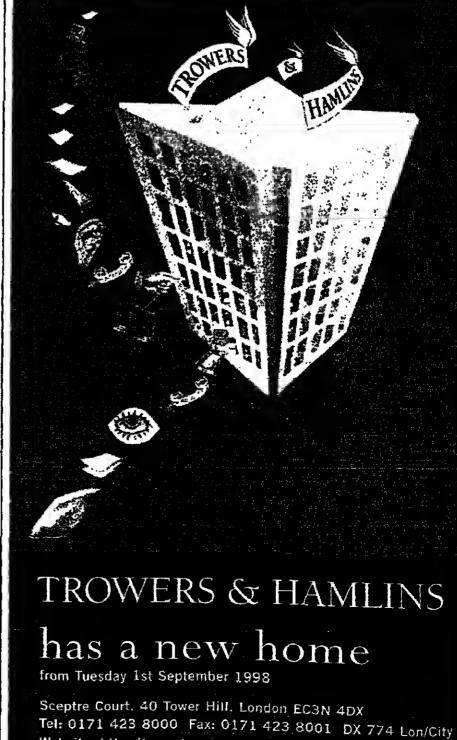
THE world may be on the brink of recession but London stockbrokers are dressing more aggressively optiog for flash suits, loud pinstripes and styles more reminiscent of the 1980s. This "acceptable dandyism", according to one London tailor, includes de-mand for flashy turnback cuffs, bright linings and even lime green, salmon pink and

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pear to be getting stimmer. The "pot belly" - once a relialeg measurement of 32 inches or more, indicating they were at least six feet tall. enjoyed - is disappearing.

Property agents are discarding their spivvy image of blazers and sports jackets and apeing their City clients by wearing double-breasted suits in-

During the World Cup many traders bought extra jackets so they could leave one at the back of their chair at the office, giving the impression they were hard at work while they were really round the corner watching football in the



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